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nisters ready take action military-style nonstrators

The Secretary made clear in the Commons yesterday that any sustained campaign of demonstration such as the ones by the IRA in London last weekend would not be tolerated. In all parts of the House had communists Mr Jenkins a sense of public outrage at James Prior called "a military-style or a convicted prisoner in the streets of all city". A report on the matter will be sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions later this week.

s given assurances r 'public affront'

By Paul Routledge
Labour Correspondent
Trade union leaders are expected to adopt tomorrow a clear-cut response to the Government's requirement that the TUC should deliver wage restraint as part of the social contract.

The influential TUC economic committee is almost certain to meet this obligation by pledging that there will not be a scramble for higher pay than statutory wage controls end. Priority will remain to implement the terms of the pay pact and to maintaining the present real value of wages.

The unions are being asked to endorse a confidential document setting out negotiating guidelines for unions to take effect after Phase Three wage restraint and the Pay Board are abolished. The advice argues that there should be no general reopening of present pay settlements before the deals expire, though unions will be entitled to claim compensation for rises in the cost of living since the last settlement was signed.

The 18-page document will be discussed at a Labour Party-TUC liaison committee meeting on June 24, before a meeting two days later. It will form the basis of a politically important declaration on collective bargaining and of the social contract to be made by the TUC and the Government before the statutory control machinery is dismantled.

After going through the Labour Government's achievements since it took office, the document says:

"Primary and positive emphasis will be laid on the contribution that improved systems of collective bargaining can make to improving output, services, efficiency and employment conditions, and to eradicating low productivity.

Negotiators should endeavour to create the negotiating framework within which they will be able to focus more constructively on the need to make the maximum use of the resources and arrangements which will have beneficial effects on efficiency and unit costs, factors which lie at the root of efforts to secure a progressive improvement in the general level of pay and conditions, in employment prospects and in job security."

This will mean increased co-operation on improvements in productive investment, manpower plans, work organization, and lay-offs; on the adoption of new forms of reward for job and pay systems and incentives.

At the centre of this "more positive and dynamic approach to economic and industrial problems", negotiators should be able to give more effective priority to attaining "the reasonable minimum standards", including the TUC's target of a £25 a week minimum basic rate.

The unions should also give greater priority to winning greater improvements in fringe benefits such as sick pay, occupational pension schemes, and four weeks' holiday. The names and photographs of at least eight men will be included in the dossier which will be given later this week to the Director of

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HOME NEWS

Pay deal must breach Phase Three limits, council staff decide

From Raymond Perman
Labour Staff

Local government officers warned their employers yesterday that they would not settle their pay claim within Phase Three limits even if that obliged them to strike.

At the start of the conference in Brighton of the National and Local Government Officers' Association (Nalgo), the local government group, which represents 300,000 white-collar town hall staff, passed a resolution indicating it did not want to settle within the code. They defined a warning from Mr Glyn Phillips, who leads the negotiating team, that it might mean a strike.

The vote is a further example of the new militancy of Nalgo members. It is likely to be expressed again today when the conference debates an executive emergency resolution. The resolution, while recognizing the achievements of the Labour Government, criticizes the TUC for accepting the continuation of the statutory incomes policy, and says that the union will not support any voluntary policy agreed between the TUC and the Government unless it is discussed first within the trade union movement and pays special attention to the public sector.

Relations between Nalgo and the TUC have been strained since the union refused to endorse the "social contract" and call off its London strikes. Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, is likely to receive an intolerant hearing if he preaches the virtue of pay restraint when he addresses the conference on Thursday.

Nalgo is seeking 20 per cent increases and has based its claim on comparisons with civil servants and restoring wage differentials over local authority manual workers. Mr William Rankin, assistant general secretary, said clerical staff were not able to take advantage of provisions within Phase Three that were open to manual workers.

Militants will attempt today to overturn Sunday's decision by Nalgo's executive to call off strikes and overtime bans in London. A resolution to be proposed by the Merton branch says that ending the action would be a sign of weakness and it should be continued until there is a satisfactory settlement on the claim of higher London weighting allowances.

Nurses' militancy: Nurses' union delegates meeting at Margate today are likely to be asked to step up their industrial action to support their claim for immediate pay rises.

The conference of the Confederation of Health Service Employees will debate nurses' pay and consider its reaction to the request from Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, to call off the action. About 75,000 members are banning overtime and refusing to do clinical domestic jobs to stand in for senior staff. There have been selective strikes also.

The executive's policy on Mrs Castle's appeal was decided last night by 21 votes to 1, but has not been made public in advance of the debate. An emergency motion from the floor is expected to call for increased industrial action.

London stoppage: About 250 catering, domestic and portering staff held a five-hour strike yesterday at St George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner (the Press Association reports). They returned after a dispute over a bonus scheme for porters had been settled.

Asians may form own unions, report suggests

Immigrant workers may form their own trade unions unless they are properly represented on the shop floor, the Commission on Industrial Relations states in a report published today. Such unions would be an unfortunate development, it says, not only for a particular union but for the trade union movement as a whole.

The report is on the relationship between management and workers at Mansfield Hosiery Mills, which has two factories at Loughborough, Leicestershire, where more than 400 Asians went on strike for three months in 1972.

The Asians stopped work because they thought there was a lack of promotion opportunities. The strike ended when 28 Asians were given full-time knitting jobs even though white workers refused to train them.

The commission says that unions must ensure that their immigrant members are involved in their policy-making bodies, as well as being properly represented on shop committees and in shopfloor negotiations.

It recommends that Mansfield Hosiery provides English lessons for its Asian staff. The company had agreed to do that outside working hours, but the commission recommends that, if the lessons are not successful, they should be held during working hours.

Actress delivers Bolshoi protest by 20,000

A petition of 20,000 signatures protesting about the presence of the Bolshoi Ballet was handed to Lord Hardwood, chairman of the Sadler's Wells Trust, in London, yesterday by Miss Diana Rigg, the actress. Her husband is an Israeli artist.

The petition accused the British Government of condoning Soviet persecution of Jews. Signatories included the Bishop of Woolwich and the Bishop of Southwark.

The miners' pay rise has not brought a rush of young men to the mines, but recruitment generally has improved.

This is stated in the annual report of the National Union of Mineworkers' executive, which is to go before the union's annual conference at Llandudno next month.

"There does not appear to have been the required increase in manpower recruitment since the wage increase", it says. It blames "overreaction" of the Conservative government and the miners' strike itself for the effect the dispute had on the economy.

Pits fail to attract youth

"The British economy may need over a year to recover from the limitations imposed upon it for dogmatic political reasons", the report says. But it adds that there are indications that the coal industry and Britain will benefit from the dispute in the long term.

The high manpower loss appears to have been stopped, and recruitment generally has been improved by the higher pay. Failure to heed the union's warnings during the years of contraction during the 1950s and 1960s has left "a dangerous heritage of manpower and equipment shortages", the report says.

PC not coerced, chief constable says

Mr Barry Pain, Chief Constable of Kent, said yesterday that it was extremely offensive to suggest that a police constable was being coerced to drop a private breath-test protest against an MP. He admitted that morale in the Thanet police division "obviously is not too good". He was speaking at a press conference at police headquarters at Maidstone about the case of Police Constable Trevor Joy, a panda car driver who took out a private summons against Mr William Rees-Davies, Conservative MP for Thanet West, after his superiors had decided not to prosecute. He alleges that Mr Rees-Davies drove through Margate without lights, failed to stop at a half sign and refused to take a breath test. He has since been informed that there is to be an investigation into an allegation that he may have offended against the police disciplinary code.

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E NEWS

Government to carry wide review of rules for homeless

Official Staff.

review of provision for the homeless is instigated by the Government. Commons reply yes. Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, statutory responsibilities of local councils relate to the homeless. The also include voluntary organisations.

Crossland said for new legislation spread of financial, management of local authorities other matters put the Government, industry associations, or others.

determined to avoid approach to what is a human problem. Crossland said in a answer.

"Status quo will not enable local authorities for the homeless by way of permanent accommodation more houses, or other services available.

reciate the need for understood framework abilities backed by his will be a main he review. But we account of the d national character homelessness problem, t that the housing which we inherited and cannot d overnight; and of those authorities reas homelessness is g problem but who also with the whole other housing needs they can make the clinging."

He said the scheme simply keeps the market moving. Houses earmarked for the scheme had been sold and for the time advertising had stopped.

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In brief
Five on Berwick
Tories' list

Mr Charles B. Cresswell, aged 39, chairman of Berwick Constituency Conservative Association, is one of five candidates short-listed as prospective parliamentary candidate for the division after the withdrawal of Mr Donald Hardie.

Mrs Alexandra Golant, aged 42, an Exeter district councillor and a tutor for the Open University, has been chosen by North Devon Labour Party as prospective parliamentary candidate to fight Mr George Liberal leader. Mr David Grayson, prospective Liberal candidate for Bristol South-east, has been dropped by the local association because of "serious differences of opinion".

Ex-bank clerk jailed

Anthony Edward Holt, aged 26, a bank clerk, who gave a gang information that enabled them to rob Barclays Bank at Wembley, where he was employed, of £138,000, was sentenced at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to five years' imprisonment.

Thames victims

Mr William Churchill, aged 47, of Frilsham, Berkshire, was named yesterday as having died in the Thames on Sunday in attempting vainly to rescue Jonathan McMullen, aged seven, who fell overboard from a cruiser.

Widow dead a month

Police officers who found the body of Mrs Ruby Bryan, a widow aged 70, at her home in Mansfield Road, Arnold, Nottingham, yesterday, said she had been dead between four and six weeks.

3lb lobster gift

Mr Anthony Edwards, of Theobald Road, Norwich, is to give a 3lb lobster he landed off Gorleston to nurses at the Norwich hospital where he is an outpatient.

Army publicity ban

Wolverhampton Public Relations committee has ruled that a corporation town centre clock is not to be available to army information services.

Prisoners lose TV

Prisoners at Stafford jail cannot watch evening television because prison officers have banned overtime in protest against understaffing.

100th birthday

Mr Violet Vaughan Price, of High St, Welshpool, is 100 today.

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Correspondent

police constable with mask over his face and a starting pistol a riverside bungalow, Norfolk, and raped with the Black and Astral Show, it was Norwich Crown Court.

Marriage, QC, for the man, said that the dancer when the man broke her to get out of dress, which she did, stung; then he blindfolded with his tights.

John Buttolph, aged 4, with three children, Ice House, Lingwood, as pleaded not guilty to the riverside chalet master with intent to rape while carrying a imitation firearm, pleaded not guilty. The trial continues today.

The man who put the S into SF

By Philip Howard

Meanwhile, he had the Secretary of State for Social Services wished to make unequivocally clear that they expect local authorities to make the best use of their combined housing and social services resources.

Exchange scheme stopped: A building company that offered new houses for old to stimulate sales has been swamped with inquiries and has temporarily stopped advertising the plan (our York Correspondent writes).

Barratt Developments, (Harrow), part of Britain's fourth biggest private house building group, in the first months since the offer passed, on 15 "second-hand" houses to its agents for sale, but no buyer has been found for them.

When the company introduced the scheme at the beginning of May, it claimed that its plan would make buying a bigger and better house almost as easy as buying a new car. It would buy property valued up to £30,000 in exchange for one of its new Georgian-style houses valued at between £12,500 and £16,500.

Mr Christopher Bramley, sales manager, said yesterday: "Overall, the scheme has been a success and has appealed to many people who wanted to move into a better house but did not want the worry of selling their own."

"Although we have not sold any of the part-exchange houses yet, we can afford to take time to sell them, but in any event we shall not be asking more than the £8,000 we paid for them."

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Dr Asimov replies: "My

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fiction I can be in the front rank

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English first on Welsh bilingual road signs

From Trevor Fishlock

Cardiff

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The Bowen report said the case for bilingual signs was substantially one of justice for Welsh. "The chief arguments hinge on the place of Welsh in Wales, on the principle of natural justice for the language.

This maintains that Welsh-speaking people are entitled in their own country to use their mother tongue over the widest range of activities and to do so as of right, not on any test of necessity. We believe this principle is widely accepted in Wales."

Bilingual signs will cost about £3,300,000 and they will be introduced gradually. The Government will pay for signs on motorways and trunk roads and will share the cost with local authorities for signs on other roads.

In an effort to achieve uniformity the Government is setting up a committee to advise on the correct form of place names to be used on signs. It will be headed by Professor T. J. Morris, Professor of Welsh at University College, Swansea.

Protest in London. Three men from the Welsh Language Society were removed from the Home Office by police officers yesterday when they refused to leave voluntarily after failing to get an interview with Lord

Morris, the minister responsible for broadcasting (the Press Association reports). It was thought that they wanted to discuss the broadcasting of more Welsh language programmes in Wales.

German pilot on Asians charge

Murder verdict

quashed

Mrs Beryl Loat, aged 46, of Cornwall Road, Coventry, who was jailed for life for killing her husband by putting weedkiller in his Sunday dinner, had her murder conviction quashed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

The court substituted a verdict of manslaughter for the murder verdict which was returned by the jury at Birmingham Crown Court on July 20, but upheld the life sentence.

£75,000 radio campaign for a wildfowl refuge

By a Staff Reporter

British wildlife conservation received a stimulus yesterday with the announcement in London of a Radio Luxembourg campaign to raise £75,000 to provide a Wildfowl Trust refuge on a 100-acre site at Westington, co Durham. The station will initially give £20,000 of ad-

and Sunderland within easy reach.

The area had been offered by the Washington New Town Development Corporation, and effluent from its sewage works would provide water supply for the birds. "We have confidence in the effluent as pure water",

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Council group wants higher priority for spending on recreation

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Money for recreational facilities should come from a council's high priority "key sector" budget, a memorandum on the leisure services published today by the Association of Metropolitan Authorities states.

In its first important statement on the subject the AMA, which represents local authorities in the country's largest conurbations, emphasizes that recreation is an essential part of the fabric of society.

Commenting on the House of Lords select committee report on sport and leisure, which is to be debated in the Lords on June 13, the AMA says there is immense enthusiasm within local government for the development of good recreational facilities. "The problem is not one of will on the part of local authorities, but very much more one of resources," it says.

The select committee report had said that a local authority recreation department would be a focus for interest in recreational provision, and would guarantee that enough non-key-sector money was given to recreation.

The AMA disputes that. It says: "When there are severe restrictions upon public expenditure generally, and upon capital

allocations in the non-key sector in particular, authorities will tend to seek economies in areas such as recreation."

"It is felt that there is a strong case, having regard to its essential importance to the quality of life, for the transfer of all recreational capital expenditure to the key sector in order to reduce its present extreme vulnerability to all forms of public expenditure cuts."

The association suggests the relaxation of building regulations, sticks in the ground and education funds so that artificial barriers should not prevent provision for recreational facilities.

The association strongly supports the "honeypot" concept of recreational centres on the urban fringes and generally favours the sensitive use of green belt land for recreational purposes.

Four-term school year: The AMA is to consider having the school year divided into four terms (our Educational Correspondent writes).

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Casino case man 'lost £6,000 gambling'

Martin Fenton, a businessman, lost between £6,000 and £7,000 at a casino where he gambled down three people, it was alleged at Exeter Crown Court yesterday.

Mr John Tsigardis, owner of the casino, the Carlton Club, in Torquay, said Mr Fenton was never cheated. He was giving evidence at Mr Fenton's trial, where he has denied murdering Police Constable Dennis Smith, Leonidas Papadakis, a gaming manager, Miss Ann Andre, a croupier, and Austin Webb, a hotel keeper, on December 21.

Mr Tsigardis dismissed as pure fantasy a suggestion that he gave winning customers short change. He denied plying customers with drink if they looked like leaving after winning and denied doing his best to inveigle winning customers into gambling in a separate card room.

In the months before the shootings, the relationship between Mr Tsigardis, aged 44, of Compton, Paignton, Devon, and Mr Fenton was not happy. Mr Tsigardis said: "He was alleging that I owed him money but I strongly deny that."

Mr Fenton was barred from the club some time in June or July, 1973, and there was an incident in the summer in which Mr Fenton "tried to kill me with a knife".

Mr Tsigardis, who was being cross-examined by Mr Montague Waters, QC, for the defence, said Mr Fenton had done between £45,000 and £45,000 work on the Carlton Club. All but £2,870 had been paid back. Mr Tsigardis denied that he offered money for Mr Fenton to be injured or killed.

Mrs Julie Cottam, aged 28,

who said she was worried and reluctant about giving evidence, was asked if, as a croupier, she had ever been party to paying customers fewer chips than they were entitled to. She replied: "I don't wish to answer that." She said she had seen other employees paying out less than they should have done.

She said there were occasions when the game (roulette) was speeded so that a customer could be short-changed.

Woman Police Constable Marilyn Fletcher, who was a croupier at the club before joining the police, told the jury one winning customer was paid £175 less than he should have been on a roulette bet. Similar underpayment of winning customers was mainly carried out by the Greek men croupiers.

Games were often speeded so that customers should not have time to check their winnings.

When the casino was losing on a particular table operated by a girl, the croupier would often leave.

Mr Waters asked if she could name people who had been unpaid. She replied: "I can name a few but not very many."

Mr Waters also asked: "Was drink used in any way in order to attract people into the card room?"

Miss Fletcher replied: "If a person was playing on the roulette tables and was winning and appeared to be on the verge of cashing in his chips, invariably Mr Tsigardis would offer him a drink. If this was accepted, it went on and on until either the person lost all the money in front of him or was too drunk to know what he was doing."

The trial continues today.

Drivers threaten action over barge system

From Our Correspondent Hull

Lorry drivers at Hull are threatening industrial action over the new barge-on-board catamaran system. Mr Jack Ashwell, an official of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said yesterday. The barges arrive from inland towns and are carried by a mother ship to the Continent.

Mr Ashwell said he would put the drivers' complaint to the city's MPs and other union officials in the West Riding. Their objection was that every ton of cargo passing Hull docks meant less work for haulage drivers.

It did not appear right that the Government should be spending £3m improving South Yorkshire canals to help a foreign company take work from British hauliers.

The mother ship carries as many as 13 barges each containing about 150 tons. The system is designed to save dock charges and labour costs.

Hull dockers objected to the system and reached agreement with the operators, a Danish company, to handle a fifth of the cargoes. They transfer cargoes from one barge to another identical barge, in a dock.

Professional men said to beat their wives more

Professional men such as doctors and solicitors were more likely than working-class husbands to beat their wives, Mrs Lillian Williams, a delegate to the Labour Women's conference at Swansea, said yesterday. She said that of 20,000 cases last year the causes cited were usually drink and tension "and despite what one judge said about miners, it is not the working class who are the biggest culprits".

Many wives who were constantly beaten by their husbands could not leave home because they had children, who also had to suffer greatly. Mrs Williams added: "We must provide places of shelter for them and

Engineers blame Tories for phone delays

From Our Correspondent Blackpool

Deterioration in the standard of the telephone service was the result of the Conservative government's cuts in central investment and not the fault of Post Office engineers, Mr John Scott-Garner, the engineer's president, said yesterday.

"At the moment we are doing everything to bring peace to the overstrained territories," he said.

The opening of the Post Office Engineering Union's conference in Blackpool had been held by Mr Brian Stanley, the general secretary, that the deliberate creation of a deficit in nationalized industries would mean that instead of surplus approaching £100m in telecommunications business for 1973-74 there was likely to be a deficit of more than £100m.

Mr Scott-Garner told delegates that if prices were kept artificially low the taxpayer and not the customer would have to meet the bill. As the greatest user of the system was the business community, it meant that society was subsidizing businesses.

Mr Barber's cuts in public expenditure had been suicidal. Telephone users who suffered delay should blame the government who imposed these ridiculous cuts and whose inability to handle the economy caused these cuts."

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Most of the 400 women at the conference signed a petition to the Home Secretary asking him to grant British women the right of British men to bring their foreign spouses into Britain to settle.

The addition of the party embodying French-speaking Wallonia's claims for greater regional autonomy to Mr Tindemans' coalition of Social Christians and Liberals will give the enlarged Government a simple majority in Parliament; but its psychological impact will be of much greater significance.

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WEST EUROPE

M Giscard explains why minister had to go

From Charles Hargrove

Paris, June 10

President Giscard d'Estaing explained to the French Cabinet today the reasons for his temporary dismissal of M Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber, the Minister for Reforms, who criticized the decision to resume nuclear testing this summer.

M Chirac, the Prime Minister, and 14 ministers were joined at this special meeting by the 21 state secretaries appointed yesterday, including Mme Hélène Dorothé, the State Secretary for Penal Affairs, who arrived at the Elysée wearing a pair of black leather trousers and a white woolen jacket.

The association suggests the relaxation of building regulations, sticks in the ground and education funds so that artificial barriers should not prevent provision for recreational facilities.

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Leaving the Elysée Palace after the Cabinet meeting: M Chirac, Prime Minister, and two new secretaries of state, Dr Annie Lesur (Education) and Mme Hélène Dorothé (Penal Affairs).

M Giscard d'Estaing obviously felt that the risk of some Reforms withdrawing their support from the Government was less serious than the repercussions of the minister's stand on the Gaullist party, which immediately called upon M Servan-Schreiber to resign.

The Government's authority has undoubtedly suffered through this episode, and the contradictions within the new government majority between former opposition centrists and the Gaullists and their allies have been glaringly demonstrated.

Doubtless to placate the former, the President announced recently that he had decided to suppress one of the tests scheduled this summer, as part of his determination to "ration" as much as possible expenditure on nuclear defence.

It was confirmed that any tests after this year will be underground.

In fact, the Reforms show no sign of siding with M Servan-Schreiber. M Gabriel Parnon, the general secretary of the Radical Party who became a junior minister yesterday, described his colleague's stand on nuclear tests as "a personal initiative, taken independently of my party and of myself".

As for the Gaullists, they are doubly satisfied, because their man has left the Government, and Mme François Giroud, another of their representatives, has refused to enter.

The decision taken at today's meeting to lower the voting age is a bold move. M Messmer had promised to do it a year ago but never dared take the risk.

It has been suggested that if the voting age had been 18 last month, M Giscard d'Estaing would not now be sitting in the Elysée, and the left would be in power. But this is far from proven.

President Giscard d'Estaing emphasized that the new government was liberal, not in the

European watchdog tries out its bite

By John Grosser
Political Staff

Three regulations and two decisions of the EEC Commission have been questioned by the Commons committee on European secondary legislation. The committee has recommended that these should be debated in Parliament with a view to amending them.

Thus, after its first three meetings the "European watchdog committee", as MPs are calling it, has decided to exercise its bite as well as its bark. Set up last month with a similar committee in the Lords to keep an eye on the legislative proposals being formulated in Brussels, the committee insists that its first concern must be to safeguard British interests in Europe.

Both committees are expected to examine EEC decisions on subjects that affect Britain where the Westminster Parliament as yet has not said. There are more than 100 such decisions for consideration. At its meetings, the Commons committee so far has received four of them proposed.

The five decisions and regulations contained in these four proposals which are to be referred to the Commons for debate concern the proposed adjustment to the guidelines for economic policy in the EEC in the current year; the establishment of a European regional fund and the creation of a committee for regional policy; the lists of priority agricultural regions and zones; and the lists of regions and zones eligible for aid from the regional development fund.

Although the Government was careful when it laid the terms of reference to committee, how to call it a committee, its members a local adviser etc, it took care that it is de facto a select committee and consequently its proceedings cannot be to the public.

Pending the ruling of the committee, many MPs in the committee feel that the committee has been created that even though it can "bite at European level" in terms of referring the Commons for debate still do not possess the power to get its teeth firmly into the main concerns of the EEC law.

One of the main concerns of MP's is that the committee still have not felt able to open its

within the EEC law.

From Our Own Correspondent

Sir Christopher Soames, vice-president of the European Commission, said today that no member country could call into question "the very consciousness of our Community", just because of a change of government or a wave of public opinion.

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OVERSEAS

President Nixon defies fourth subpoena and dares Congress to do its worst

From Fred Emery

Washington, June 10

President Nixon today defied the fourth Congressional subpoena issued against him for impeachment inquiry evidence and, in many words, dared Congress to do its worst.

The President's defiance had been described by his language as "deliberately provocative".

At the same time, the President defied Judge Gesell's warning of being held in contempt of court in the House members' case. Mr Nixon reprimanded his lawyer, Mr John Dean, alone, who would have been held in contempt if he had failed to produce the House documents in his defense in this trial.

In a handwritten letter the President told the House Judiciary Committee members who had forced the subpoenas by 37 to give 20, of not knowing where to draw the line.

The committee has subpoenaed more than 100 tapes of Mr Nixon's White House conversations, with carefully drafted precision as to relevance. More subpoenas are to follow.

But Mr Nixon insists he has already told, voluntarily, "the full story of Watergate in so far as it relates to Presidential knowledge". He suggested that the committee call witnesses rather than pursue "the chimera of additional evidence".

He went on to declare: "Once embarked upon a process of con-

tinually demanding additional tapes whenever those the committee already has fail to turn up evidence of guilt, there would be no end unless a line were drawn somewhere by someone... Since it is clear the committee will not draw such a line, I have done so." Yet Mr Nixon dares to bring "to be judge in his own case", as is quite clear, "he said, "this is not a trial of the President concerning an inquiry into his own impeachment".

He claimed his cooperation in handing over tapes which the committee had already received via the grand jury and his own edited transcripts (which the committee never requested) had been "unprecedented".

Precisely what the committee is asserting is that the House of Representatives is sole judge in an impeachment accusation and the Senate sole judge in the trial. There is little real dispute over this. The fact is that all Presidents who have spoken on the subject, including Mr Nixon, have asserted there can be no "withholding" of the evidence required. It is a matter of the "best evidence" available.

Mr Nixon refused in full knowledge of the committee's written warning that continued refusal would permit the House to draw "adverse inferences" — namely that Mr Nixon has something to hide.

The President protested over this in his letter. He argued that the committee "lies in the face of established law" on his claim of executive privilege.

It is the committee's conten-

tion that executive privilege is nonexistent in impeachment proceedings. This is no legalistic quibble. There are enough authorities urging Mr Nixon to be impeached promptly on this ground alone of defying both Congress and the constitution.

But the committee chairman wishes to have a weightier charge that will survive historical scrutiny. A majority of the committee now feels it has a prima facie case for obstruction of justice, just as did the grand jury in naming Mr Nixon a co-

defendant.

But, like Mr Jaworski, the special prosecutor preparing for his trial, the committee seeks corroborative evidence that will be sufficient proof beyond reasonable doubt.

It is no accident that Senator Mike Mansfield, leader of the Democratic majority, who chose his words carefully, has publicly discussed his contingency plans for the Senate trial of the President. He is ready for it to begin at the end of August and to command his colleagues to attend sessions six days a week, he says.

Mr Nixon, keeping his vow "I shall never do anything to weaken the Presidency", tried again urging the separation of powers. The point is to establish what he has already done to weaken the Presidency.

Apart from the act under investigation, he has already surrendered to court subpoenas and published 1,300 pages of his White House conversation.

Progress on Golan buffer zone discussed

From Eric Marsden

Jerusalem, June 10

Problems of disengagement on both the Syrian and Egyptian fronts were discussed in Jerusalem today by Lieutenant General Sillasvun, the United Nations emergency force commander, and Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Defence Minister. The talks mainly concerned progress in setting up the United Nations buffer-zone on the Golan Heights and the thinning out of Israeli and Syrian forces on each side of it.

Mr Peres raised a number of questions on the mechanics of disengagement and the way in which the United Nations Observer Force was being deployed. He also asked for news of the fate of a number of Druse watchmen still missing in the north.

On the Egyptian front, the minister sought the general's views with President Sadat's Government in facilitating a search for the bodies of Israeli soldiers killed in the canal area last October. A few dozen men are still missing and this leaves the status of their widows in doubt under religious law, forbidding remarriage and posing other difficulties. General Sillasvun is understood to have promised to take up the inquiries.

A search for bodies also is being made on the northern front, but there only five Israeli soldiers remain unaccounted for. It is thought their bodies may be trapped in ranks in the no man's land set up after the original ceasefire in October. In five tanks checked so far, two bodies have been found, but not yet identified.

Work is progressing smoothly on the fulfilment of the disengagement agreement with both sides continuing to thin out their forces as agreed in the talks with Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State. The first stage of the Israeli troop withdrawal, in which the south-east corner of the enclave occupied during the war will be handed back to the Syrians, will be completed on Friday. The whole disengagement operation is due to end on June 26.

Problems are being sorted out as they arise by three-way talks held in three tents set up at Kilometre 42 on the Damascus-Kuneitra road, one occupied by the United Nations and one each by the Syrians and Israelis. In spite of the physical separation of the negotiators, they meet regularly and the atmosphere is reported to be cordial in contrast with the frigid correctness of Geneva.

The Israelis have taken discreet action to remove one possible cause of friction in the sensitive area of Kuneitra, the deserted urban centre of the Golan Heights.

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Mr Vesco sued for £18.6m by Puerto Rico firm

San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 10.—Puerto Rico's biggest developer, EHG Enterprises, has filed a \$44,800,000 (£18,600,000) suit in the United States District Court for damages and judgments against Mr Robert Vesco, the financier.

A spokesman said yesterday that the firm was also seeking annulment of 250,000 shares of EHG Enterprises' preferred stock and a \$6m certificate of deposit, both issued by the developers as part of transactions with Mr Vesco's Investors Overseas Services Venture Fund.

EGH Enterprises entered into a series of complicated financial transactions in 1972 that it now says resulted in manipulations by Mr Vesco and his associates. Reuter.

Shah to visit France

Tehran, June 10.—The Shah and Empress Iran will pay a state visit to France from June 25-27, the inauguration of President Giscard d'Estaing, a palace communiqué announced today. Reuter.

Tear gas used after three die in S Africa mine riot

From Our Correspondent

Johannesburg, June 10

The situation at the Harmony gold mine near Welkom was described officially as "tight as tens" but under control after riots last night which left three African miners dead and seven policemen in hospital. About 30 armed police were standing by for trouble at the number two and three shaft compounds of the mine controlled by the Rand Mines group.

The men's grievance appears to be over pay—they earn an average of R80 (£50), a month—and springs presumably from an average 10 per cent rise awarded last Friday. This has exacerbated the bitter problem of pay differentials.

Last night, in an apparently well synchronized outbreak of

violence at the number two and three compounds, which are about a mile apart, 1,000 Africans went on the rampage, setting fire to compound and administrative buildings. Just before the buildings were fired lights in and around the compounds were extinguished.

When the police arrived the buildings were all alight. Brigadier L. J. Kotze said today: "We fired tear warning volleys. The fire had no effect on the rioters. After the second volley they started to become orderly." There was no official comment on how the three Africans died or how the seven policemen were injured.

Production at both the number two and three shafts of the mine, which made a profit of R31m last year, is at a standstill.

Saudi minister in London

By Our Diplomatic Staff

Prince Fahd Ibn Abdul Aziz, brother and likely successor of King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, arrived in London yesterday on his way back from Washington.

Officially the Prince, who is the country's Minister of the Interior, is here on a private visit, but he will be launching with the Prime Minister today his tour of seeing Mr Callaghan at

concluded a substantial military and economic cooperation agreement, which has some novel features.

It is to be a model, officials say, for such agreements with other Arab countries.

The basic American assumption in the agreement is to encourage Saudi Arabia to reinvest its vast oil revenues and, most importantly, assure an expanding, rather than restricted, oil supply. This, it is said, is for the benefit of Saudi Arabia and the whole Western world, not just the United States at the weekend.

African anger at smallness of Arab economic aid

From Our Correspondent

Nairobi, June 10

Although a public confrontation between the Arab and African members of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) seems unlikely, harsh words are being expressed among the African groupings over the issue of oil costs.

The Arab offer of \$200m (£83m) as a low-interest loan is regarded as paltry and far from the promised Arab support for the reeling economies of the black African nations. Several are known to be angry that help has been so small after they had demonstrated their support for the Arab world in breaking off relations with Israel.

The heads of state who meet tomorrow in Mogadishu, Somalia, for their eleventh annual meeting have several important topics to discuss. The Portuguese moves towards settling their African territorial claims to parts of south-eastern Ethiopia, squabbles between guerrilla groups operating in colonial areas are high on the list. It is likely that some sort of concerted action will be agreed on the question of how to tackle world inflation with especial regard to prices for primary products.

The attitude of the more moderate sections of the OAU towards the Portuguese Government and its talks with the primary products.

African nations have been hit harder than most by the inflationary spiral and their growth rates have been swamped by the constantly rising cost of capital goods from overseas and fluctuating prices for their own primary products.

In many ways the Mogadishu summit may be one of the least political held. The only exception could be the presence of President Amin of Uganda, who may well use the talks as a platform to answer his critics.

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OVERSEAS

Russian officials peddle purported memoirs of Solzhenitsyn's former wife to discredit banished author

From Theodore Shabad

New York, June 10

Soviet representatives have been quietly offering the purported memoirs of Alexander Solzhenitsyn's first wife to Western publishers in an apparent effort to discredit the exiled author.

A manuscript attributed to Natalya Reshetovskaya, who was separated from the writer in 1970, is circulating at a time when bookshops in the United States are offering the first copies of an American edition of *The Gulag Archipelago*, a widely published account of the Soviet labour camp system.

Miss Reshetovskaya, who was still living with Solzhenitsyn when he wrote the book and typed at least part of it, was quoted earlier this year as having described it as "camp talk" rather than as a genuine reflection of history.

She made the statement in an interview with Novosti news agency, a Soviet organization, which is also understood to be handling her 270-page manuscript entitled *Arguing with Time*.

She said in the interview that her memoirs were intended to

present her life with Mr Solzhenitsyn "as accurately as possible" from 1936, when both were first-year students at Rostov University, to 1964, when he was already a world literary figure.

She had relied on a diary and on more than 200 letters written to her by the author from the front and during his subsequent 11 years of imprisonment and exile, most of it in Kazakhstan.

In a statement last year, Mr Solzhenitsyn contended that his first wife, from whom he was divorced last year, had no right to publish his letters and warned that he would take steps against publishers who used them. According to a copy of Miss Reshetovskaya's manuscript made available here, she quoted extensively from the letters.

It is evident that the memoirs have been edited to conform with the official Soviet view. The manuscript tries to suggest, for example, that there were grounds for Mr Solzhenitsyn's arrest in 1945 after he had made critical comments on the Soviet system in letters to a childhood friend.

Miss Reshetovskaya's memoirs do not mention her former

Vague and inexplicable myths condemn a million people to live as outcasts in their own country

Slow advance by Japan's untouchables

From Peter Hazelhurst

Tokyo

For most of the 45 years of his life Mr Rikimatsu Yamada, a temporary labourer in Japan's ancient capital, Kyoto, has eked out a living by taking on some of the more obnoxious jobs which are shunned by ordinary Japanese.

Born into a poor family and without the benefit of a rudimentary education, his life has been filled with privation and hardship. But the last humiliating blow to his self-esteem came two months ago when his brother telephoned to ask him to sever ties with the family because Mr Yamada's niece was about to marry an "ordinary" Japanese.

Mr Yamada understood the request immediately for he is one of Japan's one million untouchables, or *Burakumin*, who still live in segregated enclaves throughout the country. Mr Yamada's brother, like so many other non-regulated outcastes has moved out of the ghetto in Kyoto and is attempting to pass off as an "ordinary" Japanese in another district of the city. Any connexion with the past will ruin the daughter's marriage.

Mr Yamada's pathetic story is a typical example of how unfounded but deep-seated prejudices against *Burakumin* still persist in Japan today, in spite of the country's advance as one of the world's modern economic powers.

No one is certain how the prejudices against the *Burakumin* originated in Japan. One school of thought contends that Buddhist hill missionaries, under the influence of the caste system in India, might have established the custom in the seventh century.

There is certainly a close similarity between the plight of the *Burakumin* in Japan and the practice of untouchability in India. In both cases, the outcastes are associated with hereditary jobs which are considered as impure, such as leather

Casualties mount in battle for South Vietnam village

From Our Correspondent

Saigon, June 10

The Greek military leaders who seized power last November today published the annual list of promotions and retirements of senior officers.

The commanders of the Army, Navy and Air Force keep their posts, says Lieutenant-General Ioannis Davos, chief of the Third Army Corps in Salonicci, who has often appeared to be taking an independent line.

Three Lieutenant-generals, four rear-admirals and one air vice-marshal were retired.

Casualties continued to mount as the fighting for two militia positions west of Ben Cat, 25 miles north of Saigon, went into its fourth week with 72 Government soldiers reported killed and wounded yesterday.

Most of the casualties were in one heavy engagement just outside the recaptured village of An Dien.

Forty-five communist soldiers were officially reported killed in that engagement. Military sources reported that more than 100 others were estimated to have been killed in the 52

air attacks flown over the area yesterday.

Yesterday an airborne commando raid on a rubber plantation in Long Khanh province, 45 miles east of Saigon, found a communist arms cache and seized 225 individual weapons and 29 heavy armaments.

The commandos destroyed 2,000 mortar bombs, 1,000 rockets, 20,000 crates of bullets and 6,000 lbs of TNT explosive.

In Saigon, the Government spokesman announced that an interpreter in the Polish delegation to the International Control Commission had been flown to New Zealand

Paperwork delays departure of Panovs

Moscow, June 10.—Valery Panov, the ballet dancer, said today he and his wife Galina planned to leave the Soviet Union on Friday morning. In a telephone interview he said they would fly to Leningrad to Vienna, and then go on to Israel.

Mr Panov said he did not receive the exit visas as expected today when he went to the Leningrad Visa Office because of the necessary paperwork, but he will pick them up on Wednesday.

The dancer, who has fought for two years for permission to leave the country for Israel, said: "Only today did I really get sure that we would get visas."

Talking from his Leningrad home, he added: "I have been given a green light. Everywhere I go, papers are ready, and officials at Ovir (the visa office) were very polite when I went there today . . ."

Mr Panov's visit to the Leningrad visa office was the climax of four tense days of waiting and hoping, which began on Friday when Soviet sources reported that the Jewish ballet star and his non-Jewish wife would receive exit visas to Israel.

The dancer, who was staying at his brother's home in Vilnius, Soviet Lithuania, was summoned to the Lithuanian Ministry of the Interior on Saturday and told that he and his wife had indeed been given permission to leave the Soviet Union.

He was also told that he had five days—until Thursday—to pack up and leave. Presumably that deadline was extended because of the delay.

Galina Panov, who with her husband was dismissed from the Kirov ballet company, of Leningrad, in March, 1972, after applying to emigrate, is being treated in a Vilnius hospital. She is three months pregnant and complications have arisen.

Mr Panov said he was told by his wife's doctors that there was a danger of miscarriage.

But she still planned to leave hospital in the next couple of days and join him in Leningrad.

"I am worried about her," he said. "I am afraid the flight will be a little bit dangerous for her."

Before Friday, Mr Panov must pay 2,000 rubles (about £1.00) for exit visas and re-pairs to their flat in Leningrad. He must raise the money from friends, he said, because he has none himself.

He planned to obtain an Israeli visa on Thursday from the Dutch Embassy in Moscow. The Netherlands takes care of the interests of Israel, which does not have diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

Asked about the possibility of his dancing again, Mr Panov replied: "I don't want to talk about it now. I want to get my health back first. But it would be wonderful if it happened as soon as possible." —AP.

China lifts veto on Bangladesh entering the UN

From Peter Strafford

New York, June 10

China today lifted its veto on the admission of Bangladesh to the United Nations. Admission was approved unanimously by the Security Council and it will now be up to the General Assembly, meeting in September, to make Bangladesh a full member.

Bangladesh's application for membership in August 1972 was vetoed by the Chinese. Today Mr Chuang Yen, the Chinese representative, said that the situation had now changed, apparently referring to the recent agreements on friendly relations between India, Pakistan and Bangladesh and the return of 90,000 prisoners of war to Pakistan.

Mr Iqbal Akhund, Pakistan's representative, said that he welcomed Bangladesh as a member.

The Security Council decision was "the culmination of a process which the new Government of Pakistan set in motion." He expressed Pakistan's "deep gratitude" to China for its support in facilitating the process of reconciliation.

Greek service chiefs keep their commands

From Our Correspondent

Athens, June 10

The Greek military leaders who seized power last November today published the annual list of promotions and retirements of senior officers.

The commanders of the Army, Navy and Air Force keep their posts, says Lieutenant-General Ioannis Davos, chief of the Third Army Corps in Salonicci, who has often appeared to be taking an independent line.

Three Lieutenant-generals, four rear-admirals and one air vice-marshal were retired.

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SPORT

Cricket

Edrich strengthens his chances of spending next winter in Australia

By John Woodcock

Cricket Correspondent
MANCHESTER: England, with seven second innings wickets in hand, are 255 runs ahead of India.

England took runs more easily off the Indian bowlers than they have done for long time in the first Test match yesterday. That this was so was due chiefly to Edrich, who had just reached his eleventh 100 for England when rain stopped play for the day, 25 minutes before tea.

Whether there was enough of it for the pitch to play tricks today remains to be seen. If not, India should be in the match, which can do little for them—unless it rains again for more than two hours before the covers went on, upon play being abandoned for the day, we could see India in the position left, with England pressing for victory.

It was cold and miserable again yesterday. Not the sort of weather which Edrich might have chosen to re-establish himself in the Test series, but he did what he could, given luck on his side and against opponents of whom he had not previously taken a hundred. He will be 37 on Friday week, the second day of the next Test match at Lord's, yet not many of his 93 first-class hundreds can have caused him less bother than this one.

On being recalled to the England side, purely as a temporary measure, in 1956, Washburne made 36. That was his last Test. Gooch took 38 when he came back for the last Test match of that same series and made 94. Graveney was 39 when he started on the last and most successful phase of his Test career, after an absence of four years. Edrich's last Test match before this one was in 1972. But so was the case with those three others, his ringcraft survives. As for his competitive spirit, there was never much danger that that was gone, once it was known that he wanted to play for England again.

The Test match had been due to have puffed off a couple in giving priority to a left-hander in their search for someone to reinforce the bunting—any rate against the Indians. Yesterday the Indian spinners had nothing to offer Edrich, nor did he do well against them.

Before the rain Edrich twice took a pace down the pitch to Bedi to pull him for a six and a four. So started was Bedi that the last ball of the same over was a long hop, which Deen hooked for a four. At a rate of 10 runs per over, it was not long to make 15 runs against Bedi.

With Edrich making the pace Deen was able to play himself in before doing his own full share of the scoring. When a situation demands quick runs, it did yesterday, not least after Edrich's unselfishly than Dennis. One or two of his cover drives were beautifully fashioned. Whether he will think he has got enough runs for a declaration first thing this morning may depend to some extent on the weather and the condition of the pitch. His last chance of winning, I am sure, is not to worry about losing and to remember that the Indians will be thinking primarily of survival.

Having fulfilled his duties as nightwatchman, Unsworth was sent out to a good catch at the wicket, after 20 minutes. Whereupon Amis and Edrich added 96 in 80 minutes. With the chance to start against the medium pace Edrich was at once at ease. The nearest he came to getting



Edrich in action yesterday. His ringcraft is still there.

out cheaply was when he must have been close to his wicket to Solar, just out of his reach. The umpire Constant ruled against him. Edrich would have had the embarrassing distinction of being out twice in the same match playing no stroke.

He provided him the out but to Bedi. He was given a good deal to put away to leg, which he accepted gratefully, and he ran well between wickets especially with Deen. When he was 14 he had scored 4,000 runs for England. When he was 50 he had managed only 1,000. In the early days of his Test career he had been the best batsman in the first few first-class innings and has previously played at Old Trafford. His 100 could almost be taken for granted by now, so long as the rain held off.

Amis was proceeding unashamedly when he fell foul of Bedi.

Twice in successive balls he was beaten on the forward stroke, and off the next he was caught at slip.

Dennis, Chandrasekaran and Deen all bowled him out.

Edrich he bowled less well and much faster, one long hop bounding high over Engineer's head for four byes. Douglas Wright is the only other leg spinner I have seen to do this. But Dennis was determined to call the time if he could, and with Edrich's help he did so.

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Expulsion of bowler baffles onlookers

By Peter Marson

THE OVAL, Yorkshire, with all second innings wickets in hand, are 30 runs behind Surrey.

From their lowly position at the foot of the championship, Yorkshire cocked a snook at Surrey on the final day at the top of a pitch and on an increasingly changeable day ve-terday. In the morning Jackson and Arnold finished off Yorkshire's remaining five batsmen in 90 minutes for 44 runs in 22 overs. Yorkshire had then made 152, and had a lead of 100 after 15 overs and Jackson, who in seasons past has developed a fascination for Yorkshire's white rose belt under its influence once more, walked off with a nicely parcelled bunch of half a dozen that had cost him 74 runs.

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antes gives a lesson Ashe on how handle slow clay

Bellamy
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Ash, former United Australian champion, in the fourth round of men's championships ending. He was beaten 7-2 by Michael O'Leary, champion of the Italian on clay courts. The idly demonstrated the between slow clay and another kind of surface. A third seed, played a year-round game but much at home as in a brewer's. By contrast knew exactly what did it beautifully, parts the course of the tennis designed to keep traction sharp like a chessboard, string an eager but rather apid.

more remarkable result in the day on the flood court, when Francois le Bouc, second seed, Jan champion, lost. Jam pedaled a tight one previous round and was thought to be might play Kodes. But rain, disrupted the tournament time to recover, he set all the record of a fine player could have nothing to lose first set de-break, he and, having lost in the singles, withdrawn from the doubles in order to fly to England and practice on grass in readiness for Wimbledon. The Frenchman, who had Kodes was confused, tentatively, and

the Czechoslovak's first (together with a stony by the French-made it necessary for serve for the match she, another fast-court Onny Parin, had good satisfied with his day's game back from two sets 0-2 down in the fifth. Pierre Barthes and thus set 16. Parin has been right at Wimbledon and Australia's champion is his best performance 2 event on clay. The quarter-final Jauffret v Pohmann ornejo (who beat Fillol that could be described as lean champion), Koch v Van Dullen or Riessen or Solomon v stark women are Miss Miss Ebbinghaus, Mrs. Miss Neumannova ilova v Mrs. Maschhoff, Idman v Miss Everett women's match today Martina Navratilova, 1st seed, 2nd, French left-handed, was old, but Miss Fromme time being, is at disadvantage in physical strength and clay taste, the hefty, but, Australian, Douglas Crawford, won the title. The baseline and had a me that the Australian attack. But it was a de-



Kodes: a champion lesson

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Racing

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent

In prospect last week was good for English racing. Who I wonder, would have dreamt before the season began that English horses would dominate the Derby, pluck the Coronation Cup from under Dahlia's nose, and plunder the Oaks? By the second week of the month, however, the English were already doing proud. But there is no room for complacency. The European flat racing season is both long and arduous, and there are plenty of races in the pipeline that are bound to be seen in a different pattern of 1974.

Take the rest of this month, for instance. Considering what has just happened, and what lies in store next week, we can never be too complacent, you think. There will, admittedly, be some good racing on Saturday at York where Timeform is staging another charity day for cancer relief.

But the highlight is at Cheltenham next Sunday when the Prince of Wales will continue his audience.

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Prizes tempt Newmarket trainers to Hamilton Park

By Jim Snow
Newmarket Racing Correspondent

Except for the opening selling stakes every race this evening at Hamilton Park carries a £1,000 prize for the first four finishers. The total sum money comes to £5,500 against the £5,200 at Lingfield.

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House of Commons

MRI PRIOR (Lowestoft, C) asked the Home Secretary to make a statement on the IRA demonstration in London during the last few days.

MRI ROY JENKINS (Birmingham, South, Lab)—In the Isle of Wight and London on June 1 and 2 a number of supporters of the IRA accompanied the funeral procession of Michael Gaughan. Some of those who took part in this procession and a number of people who took part in a demonstration in London yesterday wore black berets, dark glasses, and other dark clothing.

I understand from the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis that no arrests are being submitted to the Director of Public Prosecutions at the earliest possible moment for consideration of prosecution under Section 1 of the Public Order Act 1936.

Occasions of this kind present great difficulties for the police. Their primary duty is to prevent public disorder and it is a matter of difficult judgment to know what is the best way to prevent a provocative procession from turning into a riot. In fact the demonstrations of the past few days—substantial though they are—have not resulted in disorder.

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I will consider urgently with the Commissioner of Police and other authorities whether any strengthening of law or procedure is necessary. The issues are not wholly straightforward, but I can assure the House and the country that whatever measures are necessary to frustrate any sustained campaign of para-military demonstrations will be taken.

Church episode

MRI ST JOHN STEVENS (Chelmsford, C)—While any individual who wishes is entitled to the proper expression of his views, the occasion of a church for the occasion of a public political demonstration by the enemies of the United Kingdom falls into a different category.

Will he on behalf of the Government and this House express the hope to the Westminster Archdiocese that such an incident of this kind is never allowed to happen again? (Cheers.)

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Extension of rent protection to furnished lettings urgent

House of Lords

LORD GARNSWORTHY, Lord in Waiting, moved the second reading of the Rent Bill that was to extend the rights of tenants to those in rented furnished accommodation the full protection under the Rent Acts which was already available to unfurnished tenants.

The decline in the privately rented sector was adding to the difficulties of those dependent on it. The fact that furnished lettings were not protected constituted a serious hardship. It meant landlords could demand high rents with impunity. It also meant that security of tenure that many lived in permanent fear of eviction and homelessness.

The Government had been faced with producing urgently needed legislation on a complex subject in a piecemeal fashion. The urgency was acute, since the knowledge that the Government intended to legislate might well be a stimulus to landlords to regain possession from furnished tenants from the time the law came into force. There were already press reports that this was happening. In these circumstances speed must take precedence over the evolution of a polished piece of legislation.

The Bill removed the exclusion of the main legislation which denied to furnished tenants the right to go back to the court which would be empowered to rescind the order if they would not have made it bad the Bill already been in force.

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MRI MARTEN (Banbury, C) asked the Secretary of State for Trade for a statement about British trade with the EEC.

MRI SHORE (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab)—I am sorry to say that there is no statement that we could get by trade with the EEC, then they must be profoundly disillusioned.

MRI TOM BOARDMAN (Leicester, South, C)—British industry, almost without exception, is opposed to withdrawal from the EEC.

MRI SHORE—It is typical of Mr Boardman to say that British industry, with the CBI, British industry, consists of millions of working people, and they do not take the same view about the advantages of membership.

MRI GEORGE LAWSON (Merton and Wandsworth, Lab)—Is he saying the abilities and skills of the British people, management and trade unions, are inferior to those of the Germans, French, Italians or anyone else? Why are we doing so badly?

MRI SHORE—We can and will stand up to our own feet. We are not afraid of swimming the Channel, but if you put ball of the CAP on one of our ankles and our budgetary contributions on the other, you should not be surprised if we sink.

MRI PETER WALKER (Worcester, C)—About one job in seven in British industry is now dependent on exports to the Community. All his anti-EEC comments have been in contrast to the recent statement of the Foreign Secretary.

MRI SHORE—He should read more carefully what the Foreign Secretary said.

MRI FLANNERY (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab)—Is it similarly an affront to the dignity of the British people to see millions of people in Northern Ireland, and similarly massive demonstrations of Orangemen, with pipe and drum bands, and with regalia, in the streets of Britain over the weekend?

MRI JENKINS—I deplore paramilitary demonstrations of any sort.

MRI DEDDES (Ashfield, C)—I have given a firm assurance that the continuation of a peace strike carries no implications whatever for the other 30 or so prisoners in this country who so wish to return to Ireland?

MRI JENKINS—That is really wide, wide wide. The question I am answering is, if Mr Deddes wishes to put down a question on this matter, he will be glad to answer it.

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MRI MCNAUL-WILSON (Newbury, C)—I was not saying anything bilateral, now, I was attempting to apportion blame to the Republic of Ireland. We want the closest relations with them in these difficult circumstances.

MRI SHORE—We still have to consider whether a course of action proposed would assist the aims we have or not. But we will not be rushing into it. Mr Biggs-Davison telling me that it is his view against the great balance of views.

MRI HEATH (Bexley, Sidcup, C)—The Home Secretary's outright condemnation commands itself to the whole House and will do so to the country.

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MRI HIGGINS (Worthing, C)—said the real value of the pension had been reduced. Attention should also be given to those most in need.

MRI SHORE—Mr McNair-Wilson misunderstands the situation. I do not think we have reached the state yet when we need to consider the question whether to increase the pension for retired British Airways workers.

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MRI SHORE—He misunderstands the degree and scope of criticism there has been coming from many sources including, certainly, the Labour Party, about the way in which a number of these matters have been looked after in recent years. There is a widespread view that these events will not be allowed to recur. (Cheers.)

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At last Europe faces up to the social and economic consequences of immigrant labour

"We can't bring the whole world into Europe, so where are the limits?" the tense, rather agitated EEC bureaucrat said. "Twenty-two million immigrants in the Nine by 1980—that's one projection. Just to mention the figure sounds ridiculous."

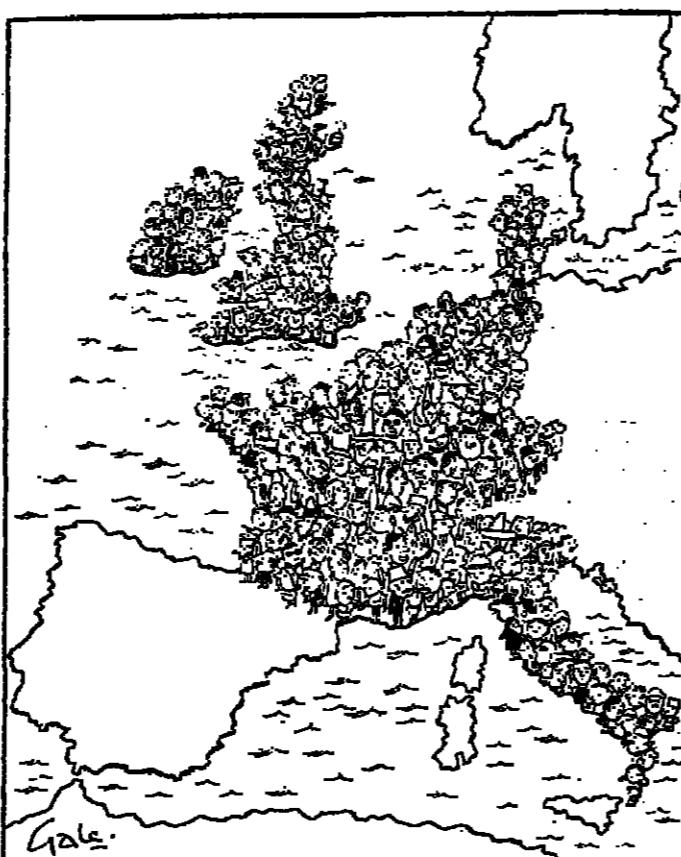
The same refrain occurred again and again: in Bonn, The Hague, Berne, Brussels and Paris. There is a mood of quiet desperation. And the hull in immigration brought on by the slackening of economic activity in the wake of the oil crisis is being used to justify a sharp tightening up of immigration policies.

The oil crisis was a fortuitous excuse, an excuse from the International Labour Organization explained. "It gave governments, who were uneasy about the way things were going, the chance to introduce a few filters."

It is in Germany that the most definite decision has been made. On November 23, 1973, the Government announced that it was suspending all immigration forthwith, and in Bonn no one tries to hide the truth. A senior policymaker said: "The November decision was just a peg to hang things on. It was coming anyway. The basic decision to severely restrict immigration had already been made."

The fact is that for at least the past two years—in some countries much longer, Switzerland and Britain notably—European policymakers have been voicing their concern about the volume of immigrants pouring into industrialized Europe. It is not because their numbers have been increasing exponentially. Indeed, if anything, even before the oil crisis the rate of growth was slackening.

The concern arises because industry seems intent on absorbing immigrants, as far into the future as can be seen. That is understandable: they are cheap, malleable, hard working, often shy of unionization, and do jobs that Europeans no longer want to do. European governments are also worried because the traditional Southern Euro-



pean supplies of immigrant labour are fast drying up and labour is increasingly being pulled from Africa, the Middle East, the Caribbean and even Asia.

The risk of social turbulence is the number one fear—fear that first crystallized at tranquil Holland, Europe's harbour of racial equality (a reputation well earned by its general Indonesian refugees in the 1950s), experienced serious racial clashes in Rotterdam in 1972. Then last summer, Marseilles erupted into a veritable orgy of racially motivated killings.

However, there is another important factor behind the new policies. It is the dawning realization of what the real economic cost of unlimited immigration is.

Most European countries have been getting their immigrant labour at sharply marked down prices. With the exception of most of the Commonwealth immigrants to Britain and the West Indian immigrants to Holland and France, immigration in most European countries started as a male only affair: men who were prepared to work long hours, night shifts, live in barracks or dormitories, and go home for holidays every two or three years. But by the end of the sixties, it had become obvious that family reunion, with or without the sanction of the law of the recipient country, was the order of the day. Although lip service was paid to the idea of going home one day, the reality was that an increasing majority of them were here to stay.

European governments were forced to realize that immigration was not the cheap short cut to prosperity that they had once thought. Although adult immigrants have given the recipient economies a windfall bonus (because their rearing costs have been borne by their sending country), schools now have to be built for their children, hospital beds found where they are ill and houses built for them to live in. The infrastructural costs of maintaining a large immigrant work force have begun to mount.

emphatically: "The economists are divided on this, so we are prepared to take risks. There are always risks."

In order to minimize the risk, however, the German Cabinet has made the decision to reduce economic growth in order to combat any extra wage-push inflation that might result from decreased immigration. The Government's economic advisers estimate that a reduction of 0.3 per cent in the growth rate might be necessary. The Swiss and Dutch Governments have likewise made clear decisions in principle to trade off economic growth against reduced immigration.

Interestingly, some German experts argue that if wages go up, this will be an added incentive for German companies to invest overseas. Instead of calling for capital to go to labour instead of labour coming to capital, is in danger of becoming the cliché of the day. In Brussels, European Commission officials are enthusiastically working on this idea as part of a package of proposals on immigration that Dr Hillary (the Commissioner for Social Affairs) intends to put before the Council of Ministers in November.

In Holland, a country surely embarrassed by any suggestion that it is restricting immigration for xenophobic and racialistic reasons, debate is now centred on a Government memorandum issued two months ago. It has the unusual feature of being issued under the imprint of five ministries including that of the 34-year-old Minister of Development Cooperation, Mr Jan Pronk.

Mr Pronk believes that Holland has been bleeding developing countries of some of their most adventurous and effective manpower and uprooting their economies. Holland must realize, he says, that it cannot afford to have economic growth if it can only be done at the expense of the poor countries (and at the cost of destroying man's habitat too), so to retard economic

growth is a clear policy of the government. He wants to encourage some of Holland's labour intensive industries to go to the Third World countries, if necessary using Ministry of Development Cooperation funds to finance part of the restructuring of domestic industry to make this possible.

There may be widespread admiration in Holland for the forcefulness and vigour with which the minister argues his case, but there is also an awareness of just how difficult his ideas would be to put into practice. "Capital will not move easily under these kind of conditions", one of Holland's influential state counsellors told me.

In Switzerland, which is gearing up for a referendum in December which calls for a cut in half of the immigrant population, such ideas as Mr Pronk's are not even talked about, much less seriously considered.

And in Bonn, Dr Ernst explains: "German capital invests where there is political stability and relatively low wages. This means we invest in Spain, East Asia, South Africa, and we would if we could in Eastern Europe. But not in Italy or Turkey. The direction of our overseas investment does not correspond with the sources of our immigrant labour supply."

It is, of course, a moot point whether Europe can, in fact, succeed in reducing its inflow of immigrant workers. Many, if not most, industrialists and economists, argue that European governments are being hopelessly unrealistic. But if Europe does succeed in limiting the numbers without finding a satisfactory way of compensating the countries from which it has drawn its cheap labour, there is a real danger that it will end up exporting to them the social turbulence it fears at home.

Jonathan Power

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Releasing Hitler's deputy could accelerate a fascist revival

Why Rudolf Hess should remain a prisoner in Spandau

The bomb that exploded at a crowded anti-fascist meeting in Brescia, in Northern Italy, recently, killing six people and injuring 79, may help to awaken many who appear to have been unaware of the revival of fascism and Nazism in many parts of the world.

It may even give food for further thought to those, including Lord Chalfont in *The Times*, and Mr A. J. P. Taylor in *The Observer*, who have been calling for the release from prison of the most important living Nazi, Rudolf Hess.

The inspiration and encouragement that Hess would give to the resurgent Nazi and fascist movements throughout the world is the most important factor left out of the calculations of these and other commentators who have joined in the recent "Release Hess campaign".

It seems clear from Colonel Bird's recent book *The Loneliest Man in the World* that Hess still believes that what he did was right, and maintains an "unrepentant Hitlerism, antisemitism and hatred of mankind". It also appears from the film shown recently on ITV that, far from being a "sick old man", Hess is in good health and Colonel Bird found him to be "an intelligent man... never mad or crazy".

If we accept that fascism and Nazism are not dead, and that the release of the world's leading Nazi could be an encouragement to those who wish to promote a Nazi renaissance, it is necessary to weigh against this the arguments that have been advanced in favour of setting Hess free.

Lord Chalfont bases his case on the need for compassion, and says that punishment should not be regarded only as a means of retribution but "in most cases as a means of rehabilitation as well". But the evidence of

Colonel Bird clearly indicates that Hess has no interest in rehabilitation. He remains a convinced Nazi and anti-semitic, and would do it all again if he had the chance.

Can one have compassion for a man who would be prepared, in his release, to advocate the destruction of another six million Jews?

Lord Chalfont says that "when through lack of charity and human feelings we diminish Rudolf Hess we are diminishing the whole of mankind". On the contrary. When we diminish evil we enlarge mankind. That was what the war was all about.

It is pointless to say "never again", as I am sure Lord Chalfont said with all of us, as the

full extent of the Nazi holocaust was exposed, if we follow it up by saying: "Well, not for 30 years anyway."

Then there is the argument that it is only the Russians who want to keep Hess in Spandau, first to keep a foothold in Berlin, and secondly because they believe (misguidedly or not) that Hess flew to Britain to persuade us to make peace on the western front so that Hitler could attack the USSR without worrying about us attacking him. This is a red herring.

Hess is in prison, not for flying to Britain, but for everything he did before flying to Britain. Contrary to A. J. P. Taylor's assertion that "Hess had a purely decorative role in Nazi

affairs after 1935", the facts show that not only did Hess personally sign the original anti-Jewish decrees (the infamous Nuremberg Race Laws), but, after 1933, signed the decrees for the incorporation of Austria into the Reich and the extension of those areas later into Austria. After that he deprived the Jews of the right to vote or hold office, withdrew licences from Jewish doctors, eliminated Jewish lawyers, excluded Jews from economic life, jolted that Jews had no legal claims arising from pogroms, and, in 1939, signed the decrees incorporating Danzig and other Polish territories into the Reich for the purpose of German Lebensraum and economic expansion.

There is no space here to list all the inhuman decrees that Hess signed, and all the Hitler-worshipping speeches he made right up to 1941 when he flew to Britain.

It might be useful, however, for those concerned with compassion and humanity to recall that Hess recommended the strengthening of the Waffen SS in Poland because "through their intensive National Socialist training in racial problems, the Waffen SS must be looked upon as particularly well qualified for employment in the occupied eastern territories".

What this means we all know now. But it was spelled out in a letter from the Reich Ministry of Justice to the Chief of the Reich Chancellery, dated April 17, 1941, concerning special penal laws for Jews and Poles in those occupied eastern territories.

"The suggestions of the Deputy Führer (Hess) have been taken into consideration to a far-reaching extent... any Pole or Jew in the eastern territory can in future be prosecuted, and any kind of punishment inflicted upon him for any attitude or action which is considered punishable... In accordance with the opinion of the Deputy of the Führer, I started from the supposition that the Pole is less susceptible to the infliction of ordinary imprisonment. Under these new kinds of punishment prisoners are to be lodged outside prisons, in camps, and are to be forced to do the heaviest and hardest labour."

Thus did Rudolf Hess open the gates to Auschwitz, Treblinka, Majdanek and the rest of the death camps.

Baron Moss

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After his day with the Women's Institute members at the Albert Hall last week, Robin Young went to Swindon yesterday for the final day of the National Conference of Labour Women, believing that it might provide a contrast. So it proved, as he

repeated that at this stage, and refused to vote Miss Trusler out of the chair.

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Cardigans and sweaters outnumbered suits. Of 20 ladies on the platform only one wore a hat—a multicoloured toupee which was the showiest model the hall could offer.

In yesterday's debates a similar unanimity prevailed as with the Women's Institutes. There were no speakers against any of the resolutions and the majorities varied from large to overwhelming. Yet there were arguments of a kind which the WI would not indulge in.

During the debates on a series of composite resolutions on the social services, it became obvious that a number of delegates were dissatisfied with the chairmanship of Councillor Carol Trusler, who was accused of allowing the same women to come to the rostrum three, four, and even dozens of times. A cascade of points of order

The Times Diary

Much passion but little dissent

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bring their foreign-born husbands into the country. One woman claimed that her daughter had shown the courage of her socialist convictions by marrying a Chinese.

The vote of thanks at the end drew applause for everybody from the Mayor of Swindon to the organist and everyone ended on a note of sisterly sweetness. The delegates sang "Auld Lang Syne", rather uncertainly, followed by "The Red Flag" which Renee Short, MP, conducted with gusto:

"The foyer as they parted

able antiques and the £250,000 they brought with them as a corporate dowry.

A leader of the outraged club-women is Mrs Richard Williams, a state registered nurse. She says: "I have fought all my professional life for equal rights for people. It was through my efforts in the late 1940s that the St John Ambulance Brigade was the first organization to give male state registered nurses equal status with women. I protest most strongly about the present situation, as I did at the handing of the keys from full membership of the Cowdray Club which was formed for nurses and professional women."

Many Cowdray members are as incensed as Mrs Williams at the discrimination,

red by the fact that they had been devoured by Rudolf Nureyev arrived.

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A press release from Agnew's, the Bond Street art dealers, about their current exhibition, states: "Many old masters are still comparatively inexpensive... Half the pictures in the exhibition are in fact marked to sell at less than £20,000."

After yesterday's rabbit, today's road sign sent a frog. Peter R. S. sent a frog from Switzerland. The frogs, like the ponies you see, mettlesome keepers.

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The Scots are getting assertive. A letter in the Scotsman said: "Naturally we live in such a beautiful and now wealthy country resent being outbid by our often bumptious cousins from other parts." The effect was diluted, though, by the paper's biblical quotation for the day: "When an alien settles in your land... you shall love him as thyself" (Leviticus XIX, 33).

The clubwomen of the Cowdray Club, which has just merged with the Naval and Military in Piccadilly, are restless about sex discrimination. The main entrance is at last habitable. He and his wife Frances had barely moved in—and certainly not unpacked—before several British ministers came streaming through.

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Bernard Levin

The mean burghers of Scotland capital

lift of the heart others nailed only by those quavers that tell me, darkness, that another chance of *Figaro* has begu me to do I love her; yet I can feel from myself that th and no mistake.

The King's Theatre, where the opera is during the Festival, is friendly old place, and burgh had ever built

mised Opera House. I have missed the King only in the sense in which it would miss, if it were an aged dog that a become fond of, but long been blind, deaf, etc, smelly and inco

(for it was certainly needed as an Opera House). King's is, and always has been adequately for the purpose.

It was a momentous time for the Scottish Opera, one thing follows as the night the day, namely that the plan has put the Kybosh on Edinburgh's promise to build an Opera House of its own. That

promise was first made, in my hearing, in 1947; it has been

repeated every year since, with the plan kept now that there was 27 years ago; and although, for old times' sake, the anniversary will probably take place for another few years, the news from Glasgow means that Edinburgh will very soon now stop pretending.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

June 10: The Queen has learned with deep regret of the death of The Duke of Gloucester, Her Majesty's Uncle.

The Queen, as Colonel-in-Chief, was present at a Garden Party this afternoon given by the 1st Battalion, Irish Guards, at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

Her Majesty was received upon arrival by the Colonel of the Regiment (General Sir Basil Eustace).

The Lady Margaret Hay, Mr Philip Moore and Lieutenant-Colonel the Lord Plunket were in attendance.

Today is the fifty-third anniversary of the Birthday of The Duke of Edinburgh.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Master, with The Prince of Wales, as Elder Brethren, attended and accompanied by Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma, this morning attended the Trinity House Annual Court at Trinity Church, a Church Service at St Olave, Charing Cross, and subsequently entertained at luncheon with the Elder Brethren.

Commander William Willett RN, and Squadron Leader David Checketts were in attendance.

His Royal Highness, as President of the British Alpine Alpine Club, was present this evening at a World Wildlife Fund Press Conference and Reception at the Banqueting House, Whitehall.

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The Prince of Wales this morning received Lieutenant-Colonel D. M. Cox upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, Royal Regiment of Wales, and Lieutenant-Colonel D. E. Cox on his assumption of this appointment.

CLARENCE HOUSE

June 10: Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon attended a Service at the University Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, and afterwards was welcomed at a Reception given at the Senate House to mark the Centenary of the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine.

The Lady Katharine Seymour and Captain Alastair Aird were in attendance.

The Earl of Cromer was the guest of honour at the luncheon held at Chatham House on Thursday, June 6, not Lord Balogh as previously stated.

A memorial service for Sir Harry Rieders will be held at St Margaret's, Westminster, at 11.30 am on Wednesday, July 24.

The King of Sweden has been elected an honorary member of the Linnean Society of London.

Birthdays today

Sir John Addis, 60; Commander Sir John Best-Shaw, 79; Miss Beryl Grey, 47; Miss Peggy Hodges, 55; Admiral Sir Henry McCall, 73; Sir Paul Mason, 70; Major-General L. E. C. M. Parsons, 67; Major-General Sir Nigel Tapp, 70; Sir Edward Thompson, 72.

Latest wills

Residue for charities after wife's death

Mr Percy Stephen Whitewood of Folkestone, solicitor, left £4,634 net (duty paid, £4,105). After specific bequests he left £3,000 and effects to his wife and the residue on trust for her for life and then for his son and daughter £2,000, and the remainder mainly to the RAF Benevolent Fund, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, NSPCC, and the Deptford Pensions Society.

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Forthcoming marriages

Captain H. Gledhill and Mrs M. Powell
The engagement is announced between Captain Hugh Gledhill, MA, Officers' Mess, Chilwell, and Mrs Moreen Powell, JP, of Woodthorpe, Nottingham.

Mr G. P. Nicholson and Miss A. M. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Oliver Philip, son of the late Dr George Nicholson and of Mrs Elizabeth Nicholson, of Iverness, Devon, and Alison, daughter of Mr and Mrs Allen Thompson of Hartford, Cheshire.

Mr M. F. Smith and Mrs C. J. Kersey
The engagement is announced between Michael Forbes Smith, The Gordon Highlanders, son of Mr F. W. Smith and the late Mrs Smith Corstorphine, Edinburgh, and Christian Joanna, daughter of Mr A. Kersey, Ticehurst, Sussex, and Mr M. Kersey, Drumbeag, Nairnshire.

Mr R. D. K. Wallace and Miss K. B. C. Ingilby
The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 13, as planned. This was the expressed wish of the bride's late father.

Marriages

Lord Garvagh and Miss Cynthia Pretty

The marriage took place quietly in London on Monday, June 10, between Lord Garvagh and Miss Cynthia Pretty.

Dr M. Brongniart and Dr G. Sleath

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 8, in the King Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey, of Dr Michael Brough, son of Mr and Mrs D. Brough of Highgate, London, and Dr Geraldine Sleath, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. Sleath, of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire.

The Dean of Westminster officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Nicola Sleath, and Vanessa and Edward Ryan. Mr Colin Brough was best man.

A reception was held in Westminster School and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D. Fitzgerald and Miss J. Hilder

The marriage took place in London on June 10 of Mr Derek Fitzgerald, younger son of Major and Mrs Desmond Fitzgerald, 72, Sun Park Road, London SW3, and Miss J. Hilder, daughter of Mr Richard Hilder, Martin Farm, Stebbing, Essex, and Mrs June Hilder. A reception was held at the Ritz Hotel.

Mr W. A. Iremonger and Miss P. C. Campbell

The marriage took place on Saturday, June 8, at the Church of St Peter Mancroft, Norwich, of Mr William Anthony Iremonger, youngest son of Group Captain and Mrs J. Iremonger of Rignacq, France, and Miss P. C. Campbell, second daughter of Dr and Mrs James Campbell of Cuckishore Road, Norwich.

Commander E. J. Tamlyn, RN (Reid) and Mrs M. Crisp

The marriage took place in Saffron Walden on June 8 between Commander Evelyn Tamlyn and Mrs Gill Crisp.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as patron of the Engineering Employers' Federation Safety Campaign "Against Accidents", presents certificates to winning companies and organizations, Bucking-

ham, 1973.

The Prince of Wales, as Colonel-in-Chief, visits 4th Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales, Knock Camp, Salisbury Plain, 4.55.

Princess Anne opens the Leather Goods '74 exhibition at the Royal Geographical Society held at its headquarters, last night.

Lord Killearn was host at a reception at the House of Lords on Monday for members of the Anglo-Thai Society after their annual general meeting. Lady Killearn, the Hon. Sir Alexander Scott, president of the society, and Khunying Doordit Suphaphorn, Baron and Sir Gordon Whitteridge, chairman, and Lady Whitteridge, were among those present.

Royal Geographical Society

The president, Lord Shackleton, and council of the Royal Geographical Society held a reception at its headquarters last night for members, mainly government and diplomatic persons, of the society, and Khunying Doordit Suphaphorn, Baron and Sir Gordon Whitteridge, chairman, and Lady Whitteridge, were among those present.

Church news

Appointments:

The Rev. E. A. Evans, a deacon in the Ecclesiastical Regular Army, is to be Vicar of St Peter's, Oldham, diocese of Manchester.

The Rev. W. J. Lewis, vicar of St Peter's, Bishop Auckland, diocese of Durham.

Princess Margaret opens headquarters of the National Children's Home, 100, Walney Street, Islington, 2.55.

The Duchess of Kent opens annual conference of the Institute of Health Service Administrators and the International Hospital and Health Services Exhibition.

Exeter, October 10.15 GLC meeting, County Hall, 2.30.

Memorial service

Professor T. E. Evans

A memorial service for Professor Trevor Ellis Evans was held yesterday at St Michael and All Angels, Aberystwyth. The service was conducted by Canon C. A. Williams, Canon Prebendary of Aberystwyth, College of Wales, Aberystwyth, who gave an address and the lessons were read by Sir Ben Bowen Thomas (President of Wales Union College of Wales, Aberystwyth), and Mr Ieuan Jones, Among those present were Dr E. Evans (father), Mrs Elizabeth Evans (widow), Mr P. Ellis Jones (son), Dr. P. Evans (daughter), Mr and Mrs B. Phillips, The Right Rev. Dr. G. M. Davies (Archbishop of Wales), Dr. G. J. Davies (representative of the Telecommunications Research Institute), Dr. G. M. Edwards, Major General G. M. Edwards, Major General Sir J. R. E. Valder, former members of the Army.

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Today's the day to show the world you care about finding a cure for cancer.

England lead in world chess

Nice, June 10—England won two adjourned games against Ecuador in the world chess Olympiad today and took the lead in Group 3 ahead of the United States after three rounds.

Ecuador is the lead with the Soviet Union in Group 1, while Argentina, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, South Africa, and Bulgaria are in from in their groups.

Scotland is lying fifth in Group 1 and Ireland is sixth in Group 2—AP.

Carpenter back to see Queen

Mr Noor Husain, aged 80, a Pakistani carpenter who spent his life savings to come to London to see the Queen, stood by an elaborately carved teak bed yesterday and said he hoped it would make a fitting wedding gift for Princess Anne.

Mr Husain's first visit to Britain last December to present the bed ended when he was deported as an illegal immigrant. Mr Patrick Cormack, Conservative MP for Staffordshire, South West, raised more than £500 for a return visit. "I think the treatment of the old man was quite appalling," he said. Mr Husain will see the Queen on Saturday at Trooping the Colour.

Latest appointments

The Ministry of Defence announces the following appointments and promotions:

Major-General J. Hudson, to be Chief of Staff, HQ All-Force, Northern Europe, February, 1975, in succession to Major-General P. J. F. Whiteley, Royal Marines.

Brigadier K. J. Macdonald-Smith, to be Director of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering (Army) in March, 1975, as a major-general, in succession to Major-General A. A. McKay, who is to retire.

Brigadier D. B. Wood, to be Director of Army Quartermaster, July, 1975, as a major-general, in succession to Major-General A. R. Cornick, who is to retire.

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The wholesale prices of manufactured products other than food, drink and tobacco rose 1.9 per cent last month, for rises of 1.5 per cent since December and of 1.2 per cent since January.

None of these price changes is seasonally adjusted.

RETAIL SALES AND HP

The following are the seasonally adjusted figures for the volume of retail sales and the value of new instalment credit released by the Department of Industry. The table shows the provisional estimate for retail sales for May, published yesterday.

Estimated for any quarter

Year to date
Sales to
New credit
estimated
1971=100

	1972 Q1	1972 Q2	1972 Q3	1972 Q4	Year
1972 Q1	102.1	575			
Q2	104.6	612			
Q3	107.2	640			
Q4	105.5	670			
Year	105.5	2,497			
1973 Q1	111.8	789			
Q2	108.0	688			
Q3	112.3	721			
Q4	110.7	715			
Year	110.7	2,873			
1974 Q1	110.1	581			
January	108.5	158			
February	110.5	188			
March	110.4	195			
April	107.9	157			
May	106.1	157			

* Provisional.

WHOLESALE PRICES

The following are the indices (1970 = 100) of wholesale prices of manufactured goods and of basic materials and fuel purchased by manufacturing industry, released by the Department of Industry yesterday. The figures are not seasonally adjusted, exclude purchase tax and value-added tax, but include revenues due:

	General Index 1970=100	Principals and fuel 1970=100
1972:		
Q3	115.6	100.4
Q4	118.0	115.6
1973:		
Q1	119.5	126.0
Q2	120.1	133.4
Q3	124.2	130.5
Q4	129.1	147.2
1974:		
Q1	138.3	126.5
January	134.1	103.4
February	133.5	207.1
March	142.2	209.1
April	146.4	209.9
May*	149.5	210.3

* Provisional.

CBI restive at delay in overseas trade figures

By Maurice Corra
Industrial Editor

There is growing unrest within industry over delays in publishing the detailed monthly Overseas Trade Statistics. The Confederation of British Industries has asked the Customs and Excise for an explanation and some reassurance that vital imports needed for monitoring imports and export trends will soon begin to appear again.

The Government has made no statement since May 20, when it then promised figures for February by the end of last month, with March and April returns ready this month, and the May and June returns released in July, restoring the normal service by August.

The CBI has been told by Customs that the delays since the beginning of the year in providing full trade figures are due partly to the fuel situation, and partly to difficulties arising from the introduction of a new data processing system in the Customs and Excise statistical office, and of extensive changes in the United Kingdom tariff and overseas trade classification.

A spokesman for Keyser yesterday denied reports that any wholesale break up of Grendon's business was envisaged.

He said that a series of discussions was taking place and it was likely that there would be some disposal.

He stressed that these would not take place "in any sudden fashion", and that Keyser Ullmann, whose loans to CST are secured on the Grendon equity, were more concerned with seeing the group under proper management.

Grendon's losses for the six months to September, 1973, amounted to £1m, including provision for a "doubtful debt" of £50,000. As well as this, some £1.4m was written off against certain assets and liabilities.

Reference was made in the interim report to an extremely serious breakdown of financial controls in several of the Group's trading subsidiaries.

The Grendon collapse is believed to have sparked off a Department of Trade inquiry into substantial loans advanced by the publicly quoted investment trust Dowgate & General to CST, which is controlled by a number of Dowgate directors and associates.

A weekend circular to Dowgate shareholders makes it clear that CST has defaulted on its repayments and that the loans, totalling £52m, have no security.

Debts on funding? Further ripples from the collapse of Mr William Stern's property and finance empire appeared yesterday when it was revealed that Wistar Securities, the holding company for the main Stern interests, was to have financed the major portion of the Crest Corporate Guarantee consortium bid for Ashbourne Investments.

In a letter sent to the Ashbourne board last week William Brandon, the consortium's financial adviser, stated that at the time of the original offer it was considered that there were sufficient funds available for its implementation, but that "in the light of recent announcements relating to Wistar we can no longer be so satisfied".

There are now 21 of these highly specialized vessels in service, representing 866,700 cubic metres of carrying capacity according to the latest edition of the *Liquid Gas Carrier Register* published by H. Clarkson and Company.

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A complete reorganization of the Customs statistical office and introduction of an advanced computer processing system is in hand after a wide-ranging review of internal methods at the Southend-on-Sea premises.

A consultant from McKinsey and Co helped an internal review team which also received assistance from the Civil Service Department, the Department of Trade and the Central Statistical Office.

Big tonnage increase in LNG ships

By Peter Hill

Substantial increases in the tonnage of ships in service and on order for the transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) were announced yesterday.

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Later they decided to stage a sit-in at the factory occupation of the whole factory and the company's 3,000 other workers were unable to enter the building.

The company claim that the mass layoffs are unavoidable following a series of stoppages over a pay dispute.

The number of LPG ships on order has also increased from 22 to 30 with a total carrying capacity of 1,606,100 cubic metres. This is a rise of some 60 per cent in the carrying capacity of ships on order a year earlier.

The size of the British gas-carrying fleet will be increased further next week when Houlder Brothers sign a contract with an Italian shipyard for an LPG ship of 31,000 cubic metres capacity.

Liquid Gas Carrier Register, published by H. Clarkson and Company, price £4.

Takeover fears worry marine plant exporters

The Government's nationalization plans for the shipbuilding and marine engineering industries were criticized by Mr Donald Maxwell, director of the British Marine Equipment Council, yesterday. In a statement made after the organization's participation in last week's Posidonia international shipping exhibition in Athens, he said substantial orders were signed or brought to fruition.

The Greek market is vital to British marine equipment manufacturers who are currently exporting 50 per cent or more of their production. The Greeks have a high opinion of British products and a lot of invaluable goodwill has been built up over the years.

It is vital to our industry and to the country that nothing is done to impair this, he said.

Keyser is pressed for Grendon statement

By Margaret Drummond

Pressure is mounting for merchant bankers Keyser Ullmann to make a statement clarifying the position at Grendon Trust, the property and industrial group taken over by Mr Christopher Selmes last year. The Alliance Assurance Company, trustee for Grendon's loan stock, has requested Keyser to give some indication of its future plans.

A spokesman for Alliance said

yesterday that there was

concern about the possibility of a financial collapse in Grendon's future, including a

possibility of a

US expert calls for bigger food stockpiles

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

If Western Europe hoped for price stability, more stockpiling facilities were needed there, Dr R. J. Goodman, associate administrator of the foreign agriculture service in the United States Department of Agriculture, told the Farmers' Club in London yesterday.

In the United States the government was now out of the commodity business and planned to stay out. The responsibility for reserves had been shifted to the private sector.

He said American farmers were sticking to plans for a sharp increase in crop acreage this spring, except for a slight decrease in soybeans. The 55 million acres under this should provide a crop of the same size as the 1973 record.

They were projecting a wheat harvest this year of about 2,200 million bushels, compared with last year's record crop of 1,700 million. Intended maize acreage should give a crop of about 6,700 million bushels—about 20 per cent up on the average production of the last three years. He said.

Crops of this magnitude should provide the opportunity for some stock rebuilding. They projected an increase in wheat stocks to about 180 million bushels at the beginning of July next year from an indicated 170 million this year.

The American administration had no desire to see the common agricultural policy of the EEC dismantled, as some had suggested, but it felt this system had unduly restricted trade.

Computer news

PO survey analyses teleprocessing trends

A growing trend towards the use of small computers at the expense of medium-sized systems is indicated in a survey by the Post Office. Between 1966 and 1980 the survey suggests, medium systems will decrease from 70 per cent to 27 per cent of the United Kingdom market, while small computers will rise from 12 per cent to 50 per cent.

Preliminary results from the survey were disclosed at the Communications 74 conference at Brighton last week by Mr Roy Bright of the Post Office's data communications marketing division. "Small" machines are those valued at £50,000 or less; "medium" systems and

Britain seeks charter-type fares at talks to boost Atlantic traffic

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent

The 35 airlines with an interest in transatlantic travel enter a round of discussions on fares today at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, aware that the future of some of them may depend on their reaching the right decisions.

Some of the biggest international carriers—among them Pan American and Trans World—are still reeling from the 200 per cent increases in fuel prices since the Arab-Israel war in October.

There will be a general move at Fort Lauderdale to compensate for these cost rises but the airlines realize that if they put up the price of seats too much potential customers will stay at home.

The fares under discussion will apply in 1975, and there is the added difficulty for the airline industry of not knowing what their costs levels will be next year.

Governments on either side of the Atlantic are carefully watching the talks, called by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). They have to agree any decisions the airlines reach and none is likely to endorse a deal which could spell bankruptcy.

The United States Civil Aeronautics Board says it will accept no less than a comprehensive restructuring of north Atlantic fares because the future of scheduled services depended on prompt and effective action.

Across-the-board percentage fare increases would not solve the fundamental problems. The current fare structure was uneconomic for the airlines and unfair to the public because of the breakdown of route-sharing offered across the north Atlantic between the two American carriers.

CAB also warned the IATA airlines to end their preoccupation with the threat of charter com-

petitors, saying they could no longer indulge in the "luxury" of attempting to maintain market shares by carrying large numbers of passengers at a loss.

Against this advice, the main proposal in the British Airways submission at Fort Lauderdale may well find widespread support. It is for a London-New York charter-type fare of between £86 and £122 to be booked individually 60 days before travel.

This is more expensive than the advance booking charter (ABC) fare.

Plans by British Airways, British Caledonian, Pan Am and TWA for talks to begin yesterday in London towards controlling the number of seats being offered across the north Atlantic have been put off following the breakdown of route-sharing talks in Washington between the two American carriers.

Africans seek control of oil fund from Arabs

Mogadishu, Somalia, June 10.—The Organization of African Unity has said it wants as a grant—not a loan—the \$200m (£about £83m) which Arab oil producers have promised to offset the effects of increased oil prices.

Mr Peter Onu, of Nigeria, the OAU assistant secretary-general, said: "We are optimistic the Arab oil producers will accept."

The money would be deposited in the African Development Bank in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, for use as a revolving loan fund for needy OAU member states. Of the total, he said, £130m was immediately available.

These costing £50,000 to £200,000.

The Post Office's forecast for 1980 was based on an extension of the trend between 1966 and 1973. Over this period small machines grew from 12 to 33 per cent of the market; while medium systems shrank from 70 to 40 per cent.

About 850 of Britain's 6,000 computers (excluding visible record computers) use teleprocessing systems and their users provided information for the Post Office's 1973 teleprocessing survey.

This showed, as expected, that the banks use more remote terminals than any other sector. The banking total is about 12,000 or nearly 50 per cent of the total.

Computer bureau services have 16 per cent of the number of terminals, education 8 per cent, engineering and manufacturing 7 per cent and central Government 7 per cent.

In terms of the distribution of teleprocessing systems (as distinct from numbers of terminals), manufacturing and

engineering companies represent the largest single share—35 per cent. They are followed by computer services (11 per cent), and education (10 per cent).

Banking, central Government, the distribution and catering trades and local government each have approximately 7 per cent.

The average number of remote data terminals in a teleprocessing system is 44, but there is a wide variation between industry sectors. For the banks, the average is 433, followed by the service and leisure industries (125 terminals per system), computer services (54), central Government (51), education (34), finance (37) and insurance (27).

Unilever expansion

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

AB Foods waits for lower grain prices

British Foods' share of at least half profits has gone in the form of gain - no surprises there, but the odds are increasing against any prod-

uct movement in the overall 12-month period.

There were clear signs of forward wheat working out, grain buying faster than abroad; theancy had to be met with a much lower price gain. In the downturn in the region has been £1.2m or about 5% retailing profits are not marginally improving as a result of the reduced profits. The return, meanwhile, enough for which raises the cost of £45 per cent of the

encouragingly high return that the first year to depend overseas if profits are rising. But at least side the first half worst of the declines out of the utilized or lower raising hopes of over, as the year is early stage that further modest this year and for a p/e ratio of

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Mr. Philip Scragg, chairman of Ernest Scragg: intense activity and rising costs.

In jeopardy appears to have been a mistake.

As for Tiger and Bibby, their opposition looks to be based on commercial reasons that could still deny other C & C shareholders the chance to accept Dalgety's bid. To be fair to Bibby, it has already tried to arrange an agreed merger with C & C, which is not the case with Tiger.

Ernest Scragg

Riding the cycle

Felixstow, the threat of an autumn recession and the lack of any real incentive for industrial investment hardly adds up to a promising scenario for textile machinery manufacturer Ernest Scragg, traditionally the most obvious vehicle for speculating on the textile cycle. But the group's interim results highlight the lucrative time Scragg's draw-texturing machine is having overseas.

While home sales, at £1.6m are marginally down exports have soared, from £4.6m to £9.1m. But despite this, and quadrupled pre-tax profits the shares eased 1p to 25p yesterday in response to a guarded statement on second half prospects.

Having suffered from over-enthusiasm in the past Scragg may be being unduly cautious in its forecast, but as the group's record shows it operates in a most volatile market. Nevertheless, the latest results were achieved despite three day working over the last period.

The problems for the second half centre on shortages and a higher rate of cost escalation than the group's beginning for. Provided that it is reasonably well on this front, this will merely take some of the crest off profits, which on minimum assumptions should work out at £3.6m or so for the year. A p/e ratio of 64 might tempt some brave souls.

Interim: 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £1.6m
Sales £9.1m (£5.1m)
Pre-tax profits £3.96m (£2.63m)
Dividend gross 1.875p (1.25p)
*Six-month period to December, 31, 1972.
†Includes two interim dividends in 15-month period.

UK Optical

Room for manoeuvre

UK Optical & Industrial's results for the year to March 31 fall into line with stock market expectations of around £2m before tax, even after excluding £133,000 from new acquisitions and currency gains. The adverse effect of the three-day week was felt by the relatively small engineering business to the tune of £40,000. But the dominant ophthalmic activities were exempt and with 40 per cent of lens production going abroad it is no surprise to see most of the running last year made overseas.

Now UK Optical is talking of a good start to the current 12 months, with the Ulster factory comprising lost production during the two weeks stoppage to around £300,000. It apparently has no difficulty in securing the necessary raw materials and despite a cut in its marginal reference levels, still has room for manoeuvre.

Where UK Optical continues to have difficulties is in getting enough labour to help it satisfy demand that for some time has meant a gradual running down of stocks, although the company expects this situation to be easier by the year-end.

So we can probably expect another year of growth, helped by a new range of expensive sunglasses designed by Mary Quant. But it is unlikely to be dramatic and the shares, which have only moved within a 12p band this year are at 75p on a p/e ratio of 7.2 and yielding 6.3 per cent, a reasonably safe but unexciting investment.

Final: 1973-74 (1972-73)
Capitalization £8m
Sales £20.8m (£6.3m)
Pre-tax profits £1.8m (£0.45m)
Dividend gross 0.595p (0.525p)

Thos W. Ward

Unhappy timing

If the interim figures from Thos. W. Ward look rather better than some market estimates suggested, the basis of accounting for associates may well have something to do with it. In fact, a jump from 20.42m to £1.22m in profit from associates reflects the contribution from Tunnel Cement and Ribblesdale Cement only for the

Business Diary: Turner ships out of Felixstowe

hour, long held enterprise model the other state Britain seems to something of a terrier. Stanley is run the port sector since 1970 immediate reagent adamantly about the his decision, but in life recently disagreement at

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Felixstowe has not experienced business. Now at the Port of ago. At least is not king at the port's place will be port's chairman, Ken Ward, at 82, the oldest men business life. suit of all these

changes will be to keep Felixstowe moving along the path which has brought it spectacular, if not very profitable expansion in the past few years, we shall just have to wait and see.

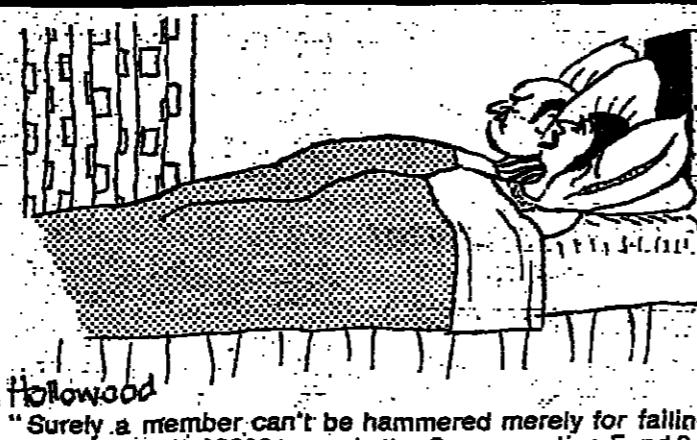
Paper chess

The Italian newspaper industry at present resembles a chess board in a game between very powerful hooded figures.

An unusual number of newspapers have recently changed hands, or received strong take-over bids and one has ever been created - yet while the press and public believe they know who is behind it no one, except those immediately involved, can be quite sure.

The most openly-conducted operation was the takeover of the Rome daily *Il Messaggero*, the leading newspaper of the Italian capital. First half the shares were bought by a company headed by right-wing publisher Eddie Rusconi and after long and stiff resistance from the remainder of *Il Messaggero*'s former family owners, the other half was bought by the Montedison chemical concern.

However, *Il Messaggero*'s staff believe that Montedison also has an interest in Rusconi's company and therefore a controlling majority. They point to the fact that the president of the executive board, who has a casting vote, is a Montedison man, and also suspect that one of Rusconi's three representatives in fact looks after the interests of



"Surely a member can't be hammered merely for failing to pay this call of £200 towards the Compensation Fund?"

Hollowood

paper chess game believes that it is far from over and that other newspapers in Rome and the South will be under new ownership in due course.

Only last week the *Giornale di Sicilia* of Palermo, one of the leading Sicilian newspapers, issued a firm denial of reports that it had been taken over by Montedison. "The newspaper is not for sale" - the family owners declared.

Bristol is convinced that there must be a more united front if Britain is to get really involved and to develop a concerted building and operational programme covering many other facets of offshore engineering.

Houlder, for example is talking to British builders about designs for a small rig which can be used in the coupling of undersea pipelines - an area which appears to have been neglected while other British interests are going ahead with the construction of sophisticated drilling ships. It would seem that Bristol sees KCA providing the base on which a strong British capability can be built.

Against the background of calls for a Stock Exchange inquiry into share dealings of KCA Drilling before last week's bid by Berry Wiggins, Paul Bristol, chairman of BW, was in good form in the Wellington Room of London's Hilton Hotel yesterday.

Bristol, with BW's finance director, Colin Orr-Ewing at his shoulder, was there for the signing of contracts between Conoco and Kingsnorth Marine Drilling, a consortium company in which Berry Wiggins is a 40 per cent shareholder. This one deal involving a semi-submersible rig will bring in close on £11m over the two-year contract period to the Kingsnorth confers and BW's Bristol confided that this was very much a precursor of further moves.

Assuming the KCA deal goes through eventually, Berry Wiggins is thinking of building at least two more jack-up rigs with one or two more semi-submersibles via the KCA connection. Kingsnorth's other principal

Gift tax: overseas models for the Chancellor to study

Delay in announcing details of the new gift tax imposed with effect from the date of its announcement on March 26 has been the cause of much adverse comment in these columns and elsewhere and surely evidences one of the unacceptable faces of government.

Its imposition by a Socialist Chancellor of the Exchequer who has apparently felt compelled to make ritual if anachronistic pronouncements about soaking the rich may have given the impression that the United Kingdom is in the van of fiscal progress when in reality - if this be any consolation - we are one of the last countries in Europe to introduce such a tax.

Of the EEC countries, only Luxembourg and the United Kingdom do not levy gift tax and the majority of those countries levy other forms of capital taxation - death duties and capital gains tax in addition. Five of the nine also impose a wealth tax.

The onus in the second half, then, could well be on Kettton Portland Cement which will begin to see the benefit of price rises and the engineering side, which sustained a trading loss of £2.55m in the first half, largely as a result of the three-day week. But the recovery here could be hampered by shortages of materials and labour, despite a strong order book. A for motor distribution, the outlook is likely to be depressing unless Ward has escaped the "problems" of the rest of the trade.

In retrospect, the timing of the acquisition of Skipper and the strike in Tunney look less than happy and a consequence of these moves is a marked increase in gearing. If a yield of 11.4 per cent at 45p, has superficial attractions, it is hard to see the shares in the vanguard of a stock market recovery.

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Comparison of the taxes on gifts levied in other countries may give some guidance as to the sort of tax that can be expected in this country. First, what is a gift? In his Budget statement, the Chancellor said that the tax would be "on transactions concerning an element of bounty and including gifts in securities".

Lawyers will expect a fuller and more precise definition. In Australia a gift is defined for tax purposes as "any disposition of property made otherwise than by will, either with or without an instrument writing, without adequate consideration in money or money's worth passing from donee to donor". "Disposition of property" is defined as any conveyance, transfer, assignment, settlement, delivery, payment or other alienation of property.

Clearly there is wide scope for dispute as to whether a transaction is a gift or not and the estate duty law of "incomplete gifts" and "reservation of benefit" will be explored anew.

Gift tax is to fall on the donor and it may be expected that it will be payable on gifts of property in the United Kingdom at which gift tax will be levied as the estate duty rates but those rates are themselves among the highest in the world. In the ringing phrases of Mr Beasley the declared aim of the new tax is "the redistribution of wealth as a means to greater justice and equality in our society".

The nature and extent of exemptions from and reductions in gift tax payable will in part determine the severity of the new tax here - how do other countries fare? In most countries the exemptions are similar to those given under our estate duty laws but there are variations and admissions that are worthy of adoption.

In all countries gifts to spouses are specially treated. In Norway they are completely exempt. In Norway they are exempt up to a limit of Fr 200,000 (about £12,000) and in France up to Fr 50,000 (£4,291). In Belgium, however, such gifts are taxed at a reduced flat rate of 6.5 per cent and in Sweden such donees are taxed on a reduced scale. In France there is a laudable and humane exemption in some circumstances of Fr 200,000 (£12,000) for gifts to disabled people.

There is much to recommend the simplicity of the United States exemptions - total exemption up to \$30,000 (£12,500) and an annual exemption of \$3,000 (£1,250) per donee, regardless of the number of donees.

Relief is given in most countries in respect of woodland and agricultural holdings but the opportunity for abuse of the latter relief which have been exploited in this country could be curtailed by following the Italian example of limiting it to land personally farmed by the donor.

This might assist in deflating the price of farmland, where the demand by "institutional" farmers has pushed prices to levels that bear no relation to a return on capital. Unless small farmers are given further relief

from the effects of inflated land prices the consequences under existing and new taxes will be dire and will lead to their economic extinction. Italy also exempts certain art collections from gift duty.

After all appropriate exemptions have been granted, the rates at which the tax is charged vary widely from country to country.

The range of rates in European countries is made more pronounced by multiple scales. In France, in the case of gifts to spouses the rate is 5 per cent up to Fr 50,000 (£4,291), whereas gifts of the same size to non-related persons would be taxable at 60 per cent. In Germany the most favourable scale, including spouses and children ranges from 3 per cent at DM50,000 (£8,333) to 35 per cent at DM100m (£16.6m) when the least favourable scale, ranges from 20 per cent to 70 per cent within the same financial limits.

Single scale suggested

The Chancellor has said that the new duty will "mesh" with the existing estate duty which suggests that a single scale will be applied to all gifts.

He has also said that the rates at which gift tax will be levied will not necessarily be as high as the estate duty rates but those rates are themselves among the highest in the world. This is but small mercy.

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Swedish gift tax rates reflect the high incidence of taxation there - from 5 per cent on gifts of Kr100 (£10) to 65 per cent on gifts to Kr5m (£48,000) to family and from 7.5 per cent to 72 per cent on gifts in excess of Kr1m (£96,000) for gifts to non-related persons.

In most countries relief is given for estate and succession duty payable where gift tax has already been paid on the property in question and against double taxation where liability arises in two countries. Relief is also generally given for legal and accountancy and other administrative costs incurred in connection with gifts. Such charges are unavoidable under any system of gift or succession tax and the United Kingdom tax authorities show an example of exceptional parsimony in not giving an allowance for them.

D.J.T. Parry

Peter Hazelhurst examines the state of the Japanese economy

Rising sun shines through the clouds

A number of recent and unprecedented trends in the Japanese economy would, at first glance, give the impression that Japan might be heading towards a recession later this year.

Economic statistics which have so far emerged out of the first quarter of the calendar year inventories increased by 300 per cent over the margin recorded during the previous three months. However, the adverse effect of the three-day week was felt by the relatively small engineering business to the tune of £40,000. But the dominant ophthalmic activities were exempt and with 40 per cent of non-related persons paying on the highest scale. While each scale the rate of duty increases at a different rate - again lower for immediate family and higher for non-related persons.

By contrast, in New Zealand, all countries are given further relief

and in the price of farmland, where the demand by "institutional" farmers has pushed prices to levels that bear no relation to a return on

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activating gold as a reserve asset, London dealers reported.

The dollar closed at about its highest of the day against the mark, at 2,500-25.

It gained some ground technically on an easier level of German domestic money market and Euro-currency interest rates. The currency markets were still contending with a string of uncertainties, including the current bout of high-level monetary conferences and the apparent intense international monetary debate at present on re-

Bank Base Rates

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Nat. Westminster	12.5%	12.5%
Shawley Trust	12.5%	12.5%
20th Cent. Bank	12.5%	12.5%
G. T. Whyte	12.5%	12.5%
Williams & Glyn's	12.5%	12.5%

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• Deposit Interest 11.75-12.00 per cent over.

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Issue price in parentheses. * Ex Dividends + N.I.P.

per cent below Friday's levels.

Discount houses have comfortable day

Discount houses had a fairly comfortable start to the week, overcoming an expected shortage with only a moderate amount of help from the Bank of England. This was effected through the authorities' bills and loan authority bills directly from the houses. Identified factors suggested that the official assistance was slightly more than was necessary leaving banks with small surplus balances to carry over to Friday.

Fresh funds were fairly readily available, and secured loans that opened at around 11% per cent fell away to a close of between 9 and 10 per cent. There was also business in bank bills and treasury bills at rates generally 1.16-1.18 per cent below Friday's levels.

Commodities

Nearby cocoa up another £44.50

Another sharp rise was recorded in London COCOA futures yesterday, particularly in the near positions.

July was up a further £44.50 a tonne, following Friday's leap of £65.50, while September gained £25.00.

Some sources felt that the apparent driving up of original offerings of current crop had

caused some sizable July covering of short positions. There were rumors in New York that some 2,000 tonnes of Cameroonian cocoa may be involved in a default. Additional support for the nearby position was provided by the undoing of July/September/December straddles at deteriorating differentials.

Sentiment was also affected by news from Bahia de Iains and their adverse effects on both transport and production of tempeira and new main crops.

The stable tone from the producer side was reflected in the spot market, which was little changed.

ZINC was £15.50 up for cash and £25.00 for 12-month forward. Copper and tin were steady, including lead.

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GENERAL

A major division of an International group of companies, based in the North West, in the total furnishing business wish to make two new appointments to its management team.

The appointments would suit young female executives of graduate calibre, with at least two years' business experience.

CORPORATE/BUSINESS PLANNING

Reporting to the Managing Director, M.B.A.'s, Economists, Marketing/Research Graduates or similar, with initiative and interest to assist in the background research and preparation of Corporate & Business Plans.

MERCHANDISING CONTROLLER

Reporting to the Marketing Manager and controlling a team of merchandisers, this position calls for skill in handling people and the intellectual ability to make a major contribution to the company's marketing plans and operation. A degree in any subject coupled with an enthusiasm for solving business problems and two to three years' relevant experience is required.

An above-average salary and excellent prospects for career development are offered. Location N.W. England.

Replies will be forwarded direct, unopened and in confidence to our client unless addressed to our Security Manager listing companies to which they may not be sent. They should include comprehensive career details, not refer to previous correspondence with PA and quote the reference on the envelope.

PA ADVERTISING LIMITED (Ref M9744/TI).
St. James's House, Charlotte Street.
Manchester M1 4DZ. Tel: 01-237 4331.

Do you speak German?

Young lady required to assist contracts manager in Germany. Knowledge of German and ability to drive essential.

Accommodation found. Interesting position.

Salary negotiable.

Telephone: 01-573 6543 for an appointment

FEMALE EXECUTIVE (30+)

A LARGE INDUSTRIAL GROUP wishes to appoint a female executive (30+) to control and maintain a centralised and index of information relating to the structure and activities of its companies. She will need to be able to obtain the cooperation of the company secretaries and management of all the companies in the Group, both in this country and overseas. Opportunities will be given to visit the UK Companies. An independent and orderly mind with experience in industry would be an asset, but would be no background in information. Home work, liaison or research. This position will carry a starting salary of between £2,000 and £2,500 per annum (with some fringe benefits). Green Park area. Applications, in the first instance, by telephone to 01-629 1739 quoting this advertisement.

"TWO OF A KIND" RECEPTIONISTS

Famous cosmetic house in Mayfair require two Receptionists with 2 years' experience. Must be able to deal with people at all levels. Salary £1,450, plus dress allowance and free costume.

Company with superb clients in Mayfair require two Receptionists of girl plus, typist secretary. Salary £1,600 negotiable plus super costs. Please telephone Christine Watson

M & J PERSONNEL
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MEET THE NORTH SEA PEOPLE

RECEPTIONIST required for brand new E.C.2 offices, small, friendly, fast-moving office with many North Sea interests. We require attractive, adaptable and enthusiastic Receptionists, with experience of working in a fast moving environment. Good basic pay, plus £1,000 negotiable plus super costs. Please telephone Alexandra Wagstaff, 01-493 7342 or 01-629 3639.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT WANTED!

by a young firm of professional (London) P.L.W. Publishers. The staff are well educated and able to express herself clearly in writing. No telephones. Previous publishing experience and ability to type would be assets. A great opening for a talented and ambitious person to help in the growth of the company. Salary review after 6 months £1,700. Please apply to Mr. G. D. Johnson, Publishing Co Ltd, 01-457 4045.

Earn Between £50 and £80 p.w.

Our sales ladies earn on average between £50 and £80 p.w. on commission. Guaranteed minimum during the summer months. No experience necessary. Full training given.

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CONFIDENT CASHIER £1000 PLUS

For a confidential role dealing with all your cash requirements. Training on other aspects of the job will be given. Excellent experience and references. Miss Owen, CHALLONERS, 17 Broadway, S.W.1. 222 305.

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Excellent opportunity for a bright, enthusiastic person to join a well known advertising agency in a senior position with excellent training and development. Training in account management, bookkeeping, and financial control. Miss Owen, CHALLONERS, 17 Broadway, S.W.1. 222 305.

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PART TIME General Bookkeeper

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SALES GIRLS required by

Rockie Good Wines, 139 New Bond Street, W.1. 2nd fl. 01-545 1222. 1st fl. 01-545 1223. 3rd fl. 01-545 1224. 4th fl. 01-545 1225. Information Officer required for V.V.E.F. See general vac-

OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FRENCH IN PARIS

Working part-time (4/5 hours) in an English firm. English Short-hand Typist.

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Assessors

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WOMEN'S APPOINTMENTS GENERAL

P.A./PUBLISHING ASSISTANT to Managing Director

Two assistants with enthusiasm, adaptability and above all a liking for job involvement are urgently required by a map publishing house to handle the increasing amount of UK and foreign business.

Good typing, shorthand and an aptitude for figures are desirable.

Travel at home and abroad is part of the job, so a current driving licence, few ties and a working knowledge of any European language, except French, are a distinct advantage.

Telephone 01-836 7869.

MARKET RESEARCH

JOIN A YOUNG DYNAMIC MARKETING TEAM

The Assistant Market Intelligence Officer will be involved in a number of projects including research on commodity products and competitive packaging. Also preparation and dissemination of information and sales statistics.

Qualifications required: Graduate or HND plus Industrial or Consumer market research experience.

Age between 22-26, salary £1,800 plus.

Write or telephone Miss Kate Kiel, Rockware Glass Limited, Rockware Avenue, Greenford, Middx. Tel: 01-576 4353, Ext. 338.

THE ARCHITECTURAL ASSOCIATION SCHOOL BEDFORD SQUARE W.C.1

would like applications from intelligent, independent minded, enthusiastic Secretaries with administrative or relevant experience.

Challenging opportunities in various parts of school.

For further information please ring Paula Fance, 636 0974.

PROGRAMME CONTROLLER FOR A LEADING INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY

Due to a recent promotion a vacancy now exists for the post of Programme Controller. The person appointed will have total responsibility for preparing the company's publishing programme and will report directly to the directors of the company. Numeracy and a high degree of accuracy is essential. Salary circa £2,000.

Applications in writing to Timothy Clode, Marketing Director,

OCOTOPUS BOOKS LIMITED
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FEMALE P.R. EXECUTIVE

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JUNIOR CLERK/TYPIST, 17 years old. Share Registration Department. Must be good at arithmetic. Will be responsible for typing one work. No experience of office work necessary as training will be given.

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Box 0356 D, The Times

1974 FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW

2nd-8th September

Young female aged 22 to 25 to assist to serve clients and visitors bar on company's private stand. Duties include general office work, assisting visitors and answering telephone. Good basic arithmetic required but applicants must be of neat, modern appearance and able to work in team with co-workers. Free lunch provided. Box 0356 D, The Times

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which involves running an exciting and interesting academic organisation, travel, responsibility, close contact with students, good opportunities for people participation in courses.

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Small, friendly company in N.W.4. 48 hours a week, 4 days a week, plus evenings and weekends. Duties include producing and maintaining the description of our services.

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Part-time required.

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DEATHS

FARMER.—On June 8th, at his home, 16, Crumlin, Fingal, Co. Dublin, Surrey. Commander John Peter Murphy, R.N., 82, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Murphy, of Hantside, Fingal, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Wandles, Wells Close East, Dublin.

NEIL MATTHEWS.—On June 8th at Christ Church, Chelmsford, Essex. Robert Francis, son of the late Mr and Mrs Robert and Evelyn Matthews, and daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Matthews, of Londoner, Herne Hill, London.

WOOD.—MAYERS.—On Saturday, May 25, 1974, at Wells, Kenya. Mrs. Mayers, wife of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mayers, of Nairobi, Kenya.

JOHN SOMERS.—On June 8th at Christ Church, Chelmsford, Essex. Mr. and Mrs. John Somers, of Chelmsford, Essex.

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